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# ANNUAL REPORT

HOLDERNESS  
NEW HAMPSHIRE

Year Ending December 31, 2003



Shown on the cover is the Asquam Hotel which opened on Shepard Hill in 1881. Situated 300 feet above the level of Squam Lake, it enjoyed one of the most magnificent views in New Hampshire. In its early years the Hotel, with ample accommodations for over 100 guests, featured electric bells to call room service, gas lighting, and fresh milk and vegetables from its own farm. The Hotel flourished until it was demolished in 1945.

– *Vintage postcard courtesy of Peter Francesco.*



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# TOWN OFFICERS -2003

## ASSESSORS' AGENT

Corcoran Consulting Association  
Will Corcoran

## BUDGET COMMITTEE

Martha Macomber (School Board Liaison)  
Earle Jenkins 3/2005  
Art Bartholomew(Selectmen Liaison)  
Peter Webster 3/2006  
Breda Ryan 3/2004

## COMPLIANCE/HEALTH OFFICER — 968-4491

Richard Mardin \*

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Barbara Currier, (Selectmen Liaison)  
Lynn Johnson 3/2005  
Anne Packard 3/2005  
Larry Spencer, Chrm 3/2006  
Jacquelyn Jewell 3/2005  
Regie Pettitt 3/2006

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS — 536-2932

Peter Furmanick - Highway Agent  
Robert Potter - Foreman  
Stuart Sherburne  
Dennis Hughes

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Earl Hansen-Director  
Harry Maybeck 3/2006

## FIRE CHIEF — 968-4491

Richard Mardin \*

## FIRE WARDEN

Richard Mardin \*

## FIRE WARDS

\*\* David Dupuis 3/2006  
\*\* Earl Hansen 3/2004  
\*\* Harold Maybeck 3/2005

## LAKES REGION

## PLANNING COMMISSION

Robert Snelling  
Adam Tatem

## LIBRARIAN — 968-7066

Suzanne Peoples

## LIBRARY TRUSTEES

\*\* Amanda Loud 3/2004  
\*\* Laurence Webster 3/2006  
\*\* Frances "Kay" Hanson 3/2006  
\*\* Susan Beeson 3/2004  
Sandra Ray 3/2004  
(appointed by the Board to finish a term)

## MODERATOR

\*\* Ross V. Deachman 3/2005

## MUNICIPAL SECRETARY

Dee Canavan

## OVERSEER OF WELFARE

Louis Pare  
Kathleen Wieliczko-Deputy

## PATRIOTIC PURPOSES

Malcolm "Tink" Taylor

## PLANNING BOARD

Lorraine Downs-Lenentine 3/2005  
David Driscoll 3/2005  
Earl Hansen, Chrm 3/2006  
Steven Huss, (Selectmen Liaison) \*  
Michael O'Donnell 3/2004  
Suzanne Peoples, Alt 3/2004  
Janet Snow 3/2006  
Joanna Tuverson, Alt 3/2004  
William Waldrip 3/2006  
Robert Snelling, Alt. 3/2006

## POLICE DEPARTMENT — 968-9555

Chief-Jeremiah Patridge  
Sgt. Shawn Magoon  
Corporal.-Mark Nash  
Patrol Officer- Joseph J. Vogel IV  
Stephanie MacKay - Secretary

## RECREATION BOARD

Sam Laverack (Selectmen Liaison)  
Janet Cocchiaro 3/2005  
Kay Hanson, Director \*  
Thomas Stepp, Chrm. 3/2004  
George Sutcliffe 3/2005  
Peter Duman 3/2004  
Robin Peck, Alt. 3/2003  
Gail Smith, Alt.  
John Fogarty 3/2006

## HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD

\*\* Ty Gagne, Chrm. 3/2004  
\*\* Martha Macomber 3/2006  
\*\* James Scales 3/2004  
\*\* Shane Sirles 3/2006  
Edward Swanson 3/2005  
(appointed by the Board to finish a term-2004)

## SELECTMEN

\*\* D. Arthur Bartholomew 3/2005  
\*\* Barbara Currier 3/2004  
\*\* Steven L. Huss, Chrm. 3/2004  
\*\* Peter S. Francesco 3/2005  
\*\* Samuel Laverack,VChrm. 3/2006



# TOWN OFFICERS -2003

## SEWER DISTRICT MANAGER

Ellen King-Mgr \*  
Paul Weston, Adm \*

## SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST

\*\* Roger Gage 3/2004  
\*\* Hazel Hall 3/2006  
\*\* Anthony Raymond 3/2008

## TAX COLLECTOR

Ellen King 3/2005  
Alicia Abbott \*

## TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Paul Weston

## TOWN AUDITORS

Vachon & Clukay  
Dave Clukay  
131 Middle Street  
Manchester, NH 03101

## TOWN CLERK

\*\* Ellen King 3/2005  
Alicia Abbott \*

## TOWN HALL

Barbara Currier, (Selectmen Liaison)  
Paul Buck \*  
Paul Montour \*  
Steven Szabadics \*  
Alden VanSickle \*  
Margaret Winton \*

## TOWN TREASURER

\*\* Michael O'Leary

## TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUND

\*\* Robert Sargeant 3/2004  
\*\* Maurice Lafreniere 3/2005  
\*\* Anthony Raymond 3/2006

## VILLAGE SIDEWALK COMMITTEE

Maureen Clifford  
Randolph Currier  
William Dembiec  
David Driscoll, Chrm.  
Roger Gage  
Samuel Laverack, S.L.  
Eric Nielsen  
Anthony Raymond

## WEB SITE COMMITTEE

Alicia Abbott  
Peter Webster  
Nancy Voorhis

## ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Jack Barbera, Chr 3/2006  
Ivan Bass 3/2006  
Gyda Dicosola 3/2004  
Harry Decker, Alt. 3/2005  
Susan Webster 3/2005  
Timothy Lyons, Alt. 3/2004  
Robert Rothschild 3/2006

\* "...until another person shall be chosen and qualified..."

\*\* ...Elected Officials...



# THE HOLDERNESS SELECT BOARD FOR 2003



*Left to Right: Paul Weston (Town Administrator), Selectman Peter Francesco, Selectman Arthur Bartholomew, Steve Huss (Chairman), Selectman Barbara Currier, Sam Laverack (Vice-Chairman), Dee Canavan (Municipal Secretary).*

WOW! 2003 is behind us. Quite a busy year when you review the projects and issues to be dealt with.

Some of the projects completed:

- Central School Road rebuilt with new box culverts (didn't our Highway Department do a great job?)
- Complete property revaluation of the Town (thanks to Wil Corcoran for his professionalism and to the Town Hall staff for accomplishing this major task).
- The new Town of Holderness Website is up and running. If you haven't been there it is [www.holderness-nh.gov](http://www.holderness-nh.gov). It is loaded with all the pertinent information you should need to keep up to date on Town matters.
- East Holderness Road's line of site was dramatically improved in conjunction with the new Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness.

The Transfer Station relocation project requires its own paragraph. This was quite the project. First, we are mandated to complete capping by October or face potential daily penalties. Then we do not have to do it at all. No wonder people are confused when dealing with the government. In any event the Selectmen began immediately after Town Meeting last year to complete this project. This included the purchase of the 12+acre parcel on East Holderness Road. In May the State passed the law exempting towns with a population of under 5000 from the mandated capping requirement. After review of our site, review of our test wells, and public hearings, the Select board decided to take advantage of the exemption. Monitoring will continue on the test wells, but at this time this project has been tabled.

Speaking of the State of New Hampshire, the Board of Selectmen continues to have discussions with the Department of Transportation on several issues. A solution to the unsatisfactory surface of the bike path has been proposed by the DOT that includes

paving “some” sections of the path. The Select board has rejected that solution as it is felt that the surface of the path should be the same one end to the other. The second project is the Village Sidewalk proposal- we want to do it the “Holderness Way”. We are currently at an impasse but continue to try to move forward. Third is the proposed new Route 175A bridge connecting Holderness to Plymouth. As this is primarily an entrance to the Town of Plymouth, Holderness officials have deferred many design decisions to the Town of Plymouth. We do have concerns about the design not increasing flooding in an already flood prone area, and are working on making sure this is addressed appropriately. Finally, it appears as though we are on the last leg of the finalization of the Enhanced 911 project. Dick Marden has worked patiently with the State and advises that this will be completed in the first part of 2004.

Ongoing projects for 2004 that you will see within the 2004 town budget and warrant include:

- Master Plan update is in progress in the Planning Board.
- Town Hall renovations are proposed. Painting was completed in 2003. Now it is time to look at the interior and parking lot issues.
- Obtaining gravel from the Pemi Fish and Game site, which we are revisiting as this project has met with local opposition.

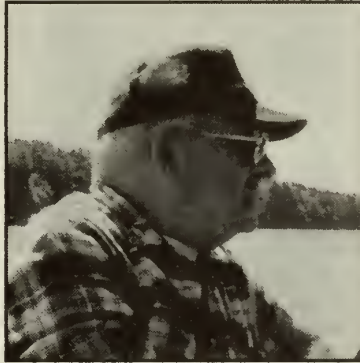
During 2003 we saw the retirement of valued employees. Chief Salmon of the Police Department retired in mid-year. We wish Doug well in all his future endeavors and want to thank him for his years of service to the Town. Jake Patridge was sworn in as Chief late last summer. We wish Jake the best in this new position and have every confidence in his ability to perform as Chief of Police.

Georgene Fabian retired from her position as Welfare Director in December. As always, Georgene filled her role admirably and will be missed. Louis Pare has filled Georgene’s shoes in this vital role and we wish him the best.

With Town Meeting comes my retirement as Selectman. I want to thank all of the citizens and employees of the Town of Holderness for their support over the last nine years, especially those that give of their valuable time to volunteer for the various boards and committees. You are the folks that make Holderness special.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Steven L. Huss  
Chairman

# **DEDICATION of the 2004 ANNUAL REPORT**



After serving the Town on various boards and committees for more than twenty five years, Roger Gage is stepping down from the Supervisors of the Checklist.

In 1976 Roger Gage moved with his wife Berl to Holderness and was asked almost immediately to serve on the Park Committee, which oversaw policy and operations at the Town Beach. By 1979 he had been elected to the Board of Selectmen. Since 1992 he has served on the Supervisors of the Checklist actively preparing for and participating in the important elections held at Town Hall. Roger has also been very active in the Holderness Historical Society, serving as President, organizing Holderness Old Home Days, and assisting in establishing the Historical Society in their home at Curry Place. For years he has been our town historian, providing accurate and timely information on important events of this community and helping others learn of our cultural and community traditions. The above picture of Roger out on the lake is very appropriate – his fishing exploits are legendary.

For his superb leadership and long service to the community, we dedicate this annual report to Roger Gage.





# DEDICATION OF THE 2004 ANNUAL REPORT



After nine years of service on the Holderness Board of Selectmen, Steve Huss is stepping down for some well deserved rest and relaxation (see photo below).

His early years were spent constantly moving around the midwest, thus Steve has a deep love of Holderness and thinks of the community as his true home. He has a degree from Purdue University in finance and marketing. In 1986 Steve purchased Hawkensen Equipment, and moved to Holderness with his wife Kathy, and daughters Stephanie and Jennifer. Soon his new friend Earl Hansen suggested he join the Planning Board, and his direct service to the community began. A review of accomplishments under his leadership reveals the Town is light years away from where we were in 1995 when he joined the Board of Selectmen. Projects accomplished during his tenure include: comprehensive town-wide road reconstruction and paving, new Public Works garage, new Fire/Police station, Route 3 recreation path, public boat ramp access to Squam Lake and Town Office renovations and structural repairs. Enhancements have been seen in the Town's accounting, budget format, assessing, and tax billing systems, new property tax mapping, and a town-wide revaluation of property. While Steve will be the first to credit others, his superb leadership has enabled these projects to come to fruition for the

benefit of all. Staff hired during his time in office includes the Town Administrator, two Police Chiefs, and the Public Works Director, among others. Anyone who has worked with Steve realizes his business acumen, his ability with finances and his good common sense.



Each Monday evening at the Selectmen's meeting, Steve has always tried to be fair and listen to all sides of an issue before making a decision. We respectfully salute him for his contributions to our community – a better place to live because of his willingness to serve. On behalf of the citizens of Holderness, we dedicate this annual report to Steve Huss.

## 2003 TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

It is with pride and pleasure I submit to you on behalf of the Board of Selectmen the 2003 Annual Town Report. Again this year an effort has been made to provide you with a wealth of information and statistics on how your tax dollars were expended for municipal, school, and other purposes. It is most important in our democratic system to communicate fully to you the activities and programs which have been undertaken during the past twelve months. I encourage you to contact the Town Office whenever you have a question concerning Town business. We are here to serve your needs, and stand ready to respond when we can be of assistance.

I want to personally thank Steve Huss and Roger Gage for their past fine service to the community. I also want to thank my fellow Town employees, the Selectmen, and you, the citizens of Holderness, for your continued support and assistance this past year. I continue to feel it is a privilege and an honor to serve here in Holderness as you Town Administrator in such a beautiful location and with such special people

Respectfully submitted,  
R. Paul Weston  
Town Administrator



*R. Paul Weston*  
*Town Administrator*



*Dee Canavan*  
*Municipal Secretary*

## HOLDERNESS TOWN BEACH

The Town Beach saw a lot of activity during the hot, humid, and somewhat rainy summer of 2003. In all, 237 townspeople purchased beach passes for the 2003 season. This was the first summer for our no smoking policy. Improvements to the facility for 2003 included the purchase of new picnic tables and a metal ladder for the raft. We also have been working to make the beach handicap-accessible.

Beach Attendants were on duty from 10:00AM to 5:00PM, June 15th through Labor Day. They are not hired as, nor are they necessarily qualified as lifeguards. Their duties are to monitor beach use by Holderness residents/taxpayers and their guests, to enforce the rules, and to enhance the safety and enjoyment of all who use the facility. Thank you to this year's Beach Attendants: Penny Huynen, Sarah Belanger, Michelle Bond, and Megan McGrath.

In addition to the fine, sandy beach, the facility has swing sets, picnic tables, a raft, a changing room, and porta-potties. There is a public phone for limited local calls and emergency use. Although trash receptacles are provided, we are appreciative of the many beachgoers who comply with our "carry-in/carry-out" policy.

In 2003 the Town Beach was again prepared in the spring by volunteer students from the Holderness School. This involved raking the beach, installing and anchoring the raft and the swim lines, and setting up the swings and picnic tables. In the fall they came back to put everything away for the winter. We also want to thank Camp Deerwood for providing CPR training for the Beach Attendants and all of the Summer Day Camp Staff.

When purchasing a beach pass for 2004 at the Town Hall, please pick up a copy of the beach. "Rules and Regulations." We thank the many users of the beach for their support and help in maintaining a wonderful facility.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Stepp (Chairman)  
Biff Sutcliffe (Secretary)  
Janet Cocchiaro  
Peter Durnan  
Jay Fogarty  
Robin Peck  
Gail Smith  
Kay Hanson (Recreation Director)  
Sam Laverack (Selectmen's Liaison)



**COMPLIANCE OFFICER REPORT 2003**

**PERMITS ISSUED**

DEMOLITION .....	8
PAVING .....	5
WELLS .....	2
COTTAGES .....	3
HOUSES .....	22
ADDITIONS .....	11
ALTERATIONS/REPAIRS .....	19
FOUNDATIONS .....	6
SHEDS .....	12
DRIVEWAY .....	1
SIGNS .....	3
GARAGES .....	9
SWIM POOLS .....	3
SEPTIC NEW .....	31
SEPTIC REPAIR .....	5
ANTENNAS .....	1
COMMERCIAL BLDS .....	4
DECKS .....	3
PORCH .....	4
BARNs .....	4
MOBIL HOME .....	1
CHURCH .....	1
EXTENSION .....	1
APPLCATIONS REC .....	159
PERMITS ISSUED .....	155
PERMITS DENIED .....	4
VARIANCE REC .....	3

Respectfully submitted  
Richard Mardin  
Fire Chief/Compliance Officer

## **HOLDERNESS CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

The major focus of the commission in 2003 continues to be the three town conservation properties. Members of the commission visit all three properties on a regular basis, both for trail repairs and LCIP (Land Conservation Investment Program) related duties. The duties involve monitoring one easement, the Pilote Forest and the Pemi Riverside Park. Picnic tables donated by David Moore of Squam Lakeside Resort, were placed on all three properties. Many thanks to David for that donation. This year using money from the Conservation Commission's special accounts fund, we hired a forester to do a natural resource inventory of the Town Forest and the Pemi Riverside Park properties. We will be using that report during the coming decade to manage those properties.

The Commission continues to be strongly interested in the protection of the local environment, particularly with respect to water (streams and lakes). It is important to protect the local watersheds and the streams that flow out of those watersheds into Squam Lake and the Pemigewasset River. The north end of River Street will soon be incorporated in a well-head protection zone for the Town of Plymouth and it is important also for the Town of Holderness to protect its gravel-pack aquifers associated with the intervale area. This means strong adherence by the Town to existing planning and zoning regulations.

We have continued our cooperative arrangement with Plymouth State University with respect to the PSC Day Program. Students from the college cleaned up on the Holderness side of Livermore Falls, and the Pemi Riverside Park property. Reggie Pettit worked with a Holderness School group and using GPS, mapped a possible segment of the Heritage Trail in Holderness. The Commission is working on developing a trail system that would include access to the Pilote Forest from the Central School via the Town Forest. Such a trail would allow Central School students to do natural history studies and community service work. We've met with a few individuals to determine how to go about such projects and are looking into easements, purchases, etc. that will facilitate this work. The Commission is interested in a town-wide system of trails that would allow users to hike from the town center to Plymouth and is actively seeking out local residents to work with us on this project.

The commission continues to deal on a regular basis with items related to docks, wetlands permits, etc. Although we are no longer directly involved in permits for seasonal docks, we often get involved in violations associated with those structures. One instance of this kind of activity this past year was a complaint from a lake property owner about a dock on an adjacent property where the property owner did not have enough lineal frontage for a seasonal dock.

The commission worked with the Selectboard and the Holderness Compliance officer on this matter. We continue to monitor permits to cut and also hope to be involved in the new town Master Plan. Anne Packard served on the Transfer Station Design Committee until that committee was disbanded when Concord passed new measures associated with town land fills.

Commissioner Moran resigned. The Commission thanks Betsey for her work as a member of the Commission and wishes her well on her return to Delaware. Reggie Pettit was appointed as a new Commissioner. Barbara Currier has been a faithful attendee to our meetings as the representative from the Selectboard.

The commission meets the third Wednesday at 7:00 PM at the town hall every month except for the summer months. Special meetings and field inspections are sometimes held in between regular meetings. If you have an interest in becoming a member of the commission, please contact the Town Administrator at the Town Office. All proceedings of the commission are open to the public and we welcome all comments and any offers of assistance.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jacque Jewell  
Lynn Morrison  
Reggie Pettit  
Anne Packard  
Larry Spencer, Chairman  
Barbara Currier (Selectmen’s Liaison)

CURRENT USE REPORT - 2003	
TOTAL PARCELS.....	344
TOTAL ACRES .....	10,949
TOTAL VALUE .....	\$1,221,062



# **SEVENTY FIRST ANNUAL REPORT**

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT--- 2003**

The year 2003 was a busy year for the Holderness Fire Department. We received a total of 277 emergency calls, 38 more than last year (see schedule).

We were able to procure the use of the land behind the Library for a dock for our fire/rescue boat, as well as a permit from DES Wetlands for the Dock. Other than training, we had no recordable usage of the boat during 2003.

We received a donation of a new Hurst Rescue System from a local resident (used for extraction from damaged vehicles) and it is in service on our Rescue Vehicle, 12R 1.

We also had a set of air operated On-Spot Chains installed on our Engine 12 E 4. With the snap of an electrical switch on the dash, an air solenoid is operated and the chains lower onto the tires. The chains crosslinks rotate under the inside dual rear wheels, eliminating the need to install conventional chains.

This year our Operation Santa supplied presents to 34 Children from 18 Families. Thanks for the many Business and Individual donations that made this possible.

We also purchased a Posidon Air Compressor to fill our SCBA and SCUBA tanks. We thank the Squam Lakes Association for donating one half of the cost. This system is fully installed and we have utilized it several times.

The Selectmen signed the final revision of the 911 street names and house numbers on December 29, 2003. We are now in the process of preparing mailings to be sent to homeowners with their new mailing address and house numbers. After Verizon and the Postal Departments complete their work, a public hearing will be held. We hope to have 911 in effect during the month of April, 2004.

Thank you to the Holderness citizens for all of their support

Respectfully Submitted  
Richard E. Mardin Chief  
Holderness Fire Department

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT 2003 CALL SUMMARY**

MEDICAL AID .....	108
RESCUE .....	3
MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT .....	50
VEHICLE FIRE.....	3
MUTUAL AID.....	47
STRUCTURE .....	2
CHIMNEY .....	5
FURNACE.....	1
ELECTRICAL .....	1
ALARMS.....	27
SMOKE INVESTIGATION.....	4
WIRE ARCING .....	2
FUEL SPILL .....	7
HAZ-MAT .....	2
FALSE .....	2
FLOOD .....	1
SERVICE .....	4
OTHER .....	7
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>277</b>

**FOREST FIRE WARDEN**  
**2003 REPORT**

We had no reportable forest fires this year. We participated in the State approved Warden and Deputy Warden training sessions in Campton and Dixville Notch. These sessions included chainsaw safety, fire suppression equipment, and tactics and safety training. Forestry equipment purchased this year included a Pro-Pak portable multi-purpose foam system, which applies foam to help extinguish brush and debris fires.

Forest fire permits issued ..... 370

Respectfully Submitted  
Richard E. Mardin  
Forest Fire Warden



# **HOLDERNESS FREE LIBRARY TRUSTEES'**

## **ANNUAL REPORT**

Two major changes have occurred at the library in 2003. We have a new Library Director, Suzanne Peoples. Suzanne is a long time resident of Holderness and has volunteered for many years with the Friends of the Holderness Free Library. We want to thank outgoing Director Mary DeLashmit for her 24 years of service to our library.

Our other major change was the creation of our new Holderness Free Library website, [www.holdernessfreelibrary.org](http://www.holdernessfreelibrary.org). You now can go on-line to check on new books, and program offerings. We are excited to have this means of communicating with our patrons.

Being in compliance with the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) is still a major concern for the Trustees, as the library does not qualify for certain funding without being ADA compliant. Architect David Driscoll has drawn up plans for incorporating handicap accessible adjustments within the present library structure. The Trustees seek to fix the basement water drainage problems before attempting any further renovations.

In addressing the water problems in the basement, the Library Trustees and Friends have cleaned out the basement. The moldy carpet was removed and a new dehumidifier purchased. A spring excavation around the exterior foundation is planned to improve drainage problems.

We appreciate the hard work of our Library Director, the Library Friends, and the support of our patrons. Please contact the Library Trustees with any library concerns or suggestions. We are committed to making the library an exciting resource for current information and literary pleasure.

Respectfully Submitted,  
The Trustees of Holderness Free Library  
Amanda Loud (Co-Chair)  
Larry Webster (Co-Chair/Treasurer)  
Kay Hanson (Secretary)  
Susan Beeson  
Sandy Ray

# **2003 HOLDERNESS FREE LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

## **Library Hours**

Mondays & Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Friday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Saturday 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Our E-Mail address has changed. The new address is:  
[holdernessfreelibrary@adelphia.com](mailto:holdernessfreelibrary@adelphia.com)

After twenty-four years of service as the Director of the Holderness Free Library, Mary Delashmit has moved on to new endeavors. I wish to use this opportunity to thank Mary for her years of work and dedication to our library.

## **Activities**

Our annual Friends' Plant, Book and Bake sale was held on Memorial Day, Monday May 26th. Story Times at the Library ran throughout July and August. This year's theme was "Reading Rocks the Granite State". The Reading Rewards for participating readers were coupons for homemade ice cream, donated by Squam Lakeside Farm. Our special Story Time event was a performance by Steve Blunt who entertained us with stories and songs. The Steve Blunt performance was possible due to a grant we received from the NH State Library as well as a generous donation from the Friend's of HFL. In addition to Story Time, we introduced three new reading/discussion groups for children and their parents. Story Time was a success thanks to the volunteers who read and provided activities for our children throughout the summer!

In October, Rita Down Love presented her books and innovative cards at the Library. In November James Kiepper, author of Styles Bridges/Yankee Senator, gave a talk about the Senator and his book. This presentation was held at the Holderness Central School and was made possible through the support of the Holderness PTA. In December the Library and Recreation Department hosted a workshop at which we made Norwegian Stars with wooden reeds. Ending the year's activities was our "Santa's 50 Cent Sale" which was for children from toddler to eighth grade shop for their family. All items were sold for 50 cents. If success can be measured by the joy seen on children's faces that sale went over the top.

The Library's new website was designed and donated to us by Steve Solberg and his students at the Holderness School. Our website address is [holdernessfreelibrary.org](http://holdernessfreelibrary.org). The information on the site's webpages have information that ranges from the libraries history to current programs. Check it out! You can also access our catalog of books, DVDs, CDs, tapes and videos on the internet at [www.nhu-pac.library.state.NH.US](http://www.nhu-pac.library.state.NH.US).

Because we are in the process of solving our dampness issues in the basement, we will not be holding the usual ongoing book sale. Please save your book donations for the Friend's sale in the spring.

Respectfully submitted,  
Suzanne Peoples  
Library Director

# **2003 HOLDERNESS FREE LIBRARY DIRECTOR REPORT**

## **STATISTICS**

	2001	2002	2003
CIRCULATION			
Adult items	7,580	7,775	7,905
Child's items	4,988	5,024	2,994
Total items	12,568	12,799	10,899
 PATRONS	 1,169	 1,250	 1,366
 HOLDINGS			
(all materials)	17,640	16,136	15,829



# TOWN OF HOLDERNESS NEW HAMPSHIRE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT MARCH 11 & 12, 2003

At the annual Town Meeting of the Town of Holderness held on March 11 and 12, 2003 the following business was transacted.

At 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday March 11, 2003 at the Holderness Town Hall, Moderator Ross Deachman convened the meeting and began reading the warrant. After reading Articles 1 and 2, the Moderator declared the polls open. At 7:00 p.m. the polls were closed and the ballots counted. Results were announced and the Moderator declared the winners.

At 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 12, 2003 at the Holderness Central School the Meeting resumed. Moderator Ross Deachman opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Malcolm "Tink" Taylor and a moment of silence for those residents that had passed away during the year of 2002.

Moderator Ross Deachman announced the results of Articles 1 and declared the winners. The Moderator declared that Article 2 (the Zoning Amendments) had all passed. The Moderator asked for a motion that we dispense with the reading of the remainder of the Warrant and take up the articles one at a time. Moved by Malcolm "Tink" Taylor and seconded by Peg Winton. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

**Article 1:** To choose all Town Officers by official ballot:

**Selectman for 3 Years:**

Samuel L. Laverack	231
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**Moderator for 2 Years:**

Ross Deachman	247
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**Town Treasure for 1 Year:**

Michael O'Leary	247
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**Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 Years:**

Anthony J. Raymond	256
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**Library Trustee for 3 Years: (Vote for Two)**

Frances "Kay" Hanson	168
Alan F. Mather	86
Laurence J. Webster	186

**Fire Ward for 3 Years:**

David F. Dupuis	245
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*Ross Deachman  
Moderator*

**Article 2:** To vote by official ballot on the amendments to the existing Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board and posted with this warrant.

1. “Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No.1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Holderness Zoning Ordinance as follows:”

Art. IV General Provisions, B. Removal of Natural Material #3 (page. 8)  
**ADD** (underlined language)

In the event development is proposed which will disturb soil on slopes that exceed 15 percent grade within 100 feet of any public highway, stream, roadway or waterway an Erosion Control Plan prepared by a New Hampshire licensed Professional Engineer shall be submitted which provides both temporary and permanent measures designed to minimize erosion and sedimentation and which indicates how a protective cover will be established and maintained on all exposed lands. Vegetation is preferred as a protective cover. Non-vegetative cover such as mulch or gravel may be used. (This is recommended by the Planning Board)

YES 212 NO 56

2. “Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Holderness Zoning Ordinance as follows:”

Art. VI. Nonconforming Uses Structures or Lots, B. Structures, 1. (page 23)  
**ADD** “e. Adding a pitched roof will not be considered an expansion provided it does not increase any living or storage space.”  
(This is recommended by the Planning Board)

YES 250 NO 21

3. “Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Holderness Zoning Ordinance as follows:”

Art. III, Zoning District Regulations, 2. Rural Residential, d. Frontage (page 4)  
**ADD** “4. Pursuant to RSA 674: 41, III, the erection of buildings and other structures on islands with no road access to the mainland, shall not be prohibited solely on the lack of frontage on a public or private road.”  
(This is recommended by the Planning Board)

YES 212 NO 56

4. “Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Holderness Zoning Ordinance as follows:”

Art. IX, Administration and Enforcement, B. Issuing Permits, 4. (Page 28)  
**REMOVE** “There is a twenty (20) day appeal period after the issuance of a permit except in the case of a permit for the repair or replacement of a well or a septic system, in which case the permit shall become effective upon its issuance.”  
(This is recommended by the Planning Board)

YES 230 NO 34

5. "Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Holderness Zoning Ordinance as follows:"

Art. III, D. Zoning District Regulations, 6. Lot Area (page 8)

**ADD** "3. Land under a street, public or private, may not be used in calculating lot area for any requirements in this ordinance."

(This is recommended by the Planning Board)

YES 217 NO 46

Moderator Ross Deachman asked for a motion to take Article 3 & 5 out of order. He stated that Article 5 deals with the appropriations of monies and purchase of land that would be used for the new transfer station facility. Article 3 deals in part with the design and construction of the new transfer station which would be located on the property if purchased in Article 5. Moved by Malcolm "Tink" Taylor and seconded by Earl Hansen. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

**Article 5:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the purchase of 12.56 acres of land from Margaret and Wilson Earl, being a portion of a parcel of land off East Holderness Road, Tax Map 252, Lot 16, said land to be used for a transfer station and recycling center, and to raise and appropriate \$97,500. for said purchase, due at the time of closing (note: a non-refundable \$2,500. deposit has been placed on the parcel).

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

Moved by Steve Huss and seconded by Earl Hansen. The Moderator recognized Steve Huss, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, who explained why this article was on the warrant. Mr. Huss explained that in 2001 the Town received an administrative order from the State of New Hampshire ordering the closure of the Transfer Station by October 1, 2003.

This order required the town to relocate the transfer station. Two committees were involved in the search for a new transfer station site, and both committees recommended the Wilson Earl property to the Board of Selectmen. Christopher Devine, Chairman of Transfer Station Site Committee, presented a summary of the work done by the committee, the criteria guidelines used to evaluate various sites, and the recommendation from the committee on the best site for the transfer station. The Relocation Committee initially located 15 potential sites for consideration. Ten sites were eliminated because they did not meet the criteria guideline, there were covenant restrictions or the property owners were not interested in selling their property. The five sites left and for further evaluation were subject to a scoring system. The five parcels identified were the Wilson Earl property, the Zimmer property, the Town Garage, the Greene property and the Chabot property. The Earl property received the highest score. The Town garage was evaluated but received a lower score. The Earl property is a 12 ½ acre parcel located on East Holderness Road which is a portion of a 20 acre parcel that will be subdivided and sold to the Town of Holderness at a cost of \$ 100,000.00. The Committee considered the Earl property the number one site, and a deposit of \$ 2,500.00 has been placed on



this property. The balance on the purchase price is \$ 97,500.00 as stated in this Warrant article. An environmental assessment was done on the property, which showed no significant concerns. A boundary and topographic survey has been completed on this property. Devine explained that removing the Earl property from the tax rolls will decrease the tax revenue by \$ 400.00 per year, and explained that defeat of Article 5 would not result in locating the transfer station at the Town Garage. It would mean that the town would need to start the process of looking for a new site again and that until that time the town could contract with a neighboring town to dispose of trash. Moderator Deachman announced that 10 registered voters requested a secret ballot vote on this article. Gary Cripps asked if this article passed would the Selectmen still purchase the Earl property if article 3 fails. Steve Huss replied that the Board of Selectmen has not made a decision what action they would take. Richard Miller asked if there was an alternative plan if Article 3 fails. Steve Huss replied that the town could ask the State for an extension on the closure deadline, or the Town could contract with the Town of Ashland to use their facility, which would increase the cost of waste disposal to the town by a rate of 7-10%. Richard Miller asked the Board of Selectmen if they unanimously support this article as well as the alternative plans if the article failed. Barbara Currier expressed concerns about safety issues associated with the location of the Wilson Earl property.

She expressed gratitude to the Committees but voiced her opinion that the town should find a temporary location and seek a more central location. Alden "Skip" Van Sicle asked the Board of Selectmen if they would consider using the town garage facility if the voters requested until a final site is located. Steve Huss responded that the Board would have an open mind. Peter Webster, a member of the Budget Committee, spoke in favor of this article. Dean Hodge spoke against this article citing safety issues relating to access on and off East Holderness Rd. Steve Huss responded that the town would address this safety issue. Stanley Hall asked why consideration of servicing the facility was not addressed and stated it would be expensive to the town for town vehicles to travel the distance back and forth from the Highway Garage. Randy Currier asked if Timothy Fisher, who owns the sand pit on Route 113, or the owners of the Westberg property on Tadadump Road had been approached. Steve Huss replied they both had been asked but there was no interest to sell. Randy Currier asked if the town owned any property that could be considered. Steve Huss said none qualified and a minimum of 3 acres was needed. A ballot vote was taken; 124 votes in favor and 97 votes against and the article PASSED. Peter Francesco moved that Article 5 not be reconsidered. The motion was seconded and carried by a voice vote.

Moderator Ross Deachman asked to take up Article 4 while waiting the results from the ballot vote of Article 5. Moved by Earl Hansen seconded Peg Winton.

**Article 4:** To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of all Town Officers and Committees

Moved by Earl Hansen seconded by Peg Winton. There was no discussion on this article. A voice vote was taken and the article PASSED.

**Article 3:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600,000. for the design and construction phases of both the capping of the Town's landfill and a new transfer station that will qualify the Town for Federal and State funds, such sum to be raised by the issuance of serial bonds or notes not to exceed \$600,000. under and in compliance with provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33:1 et. seq., as amended) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes, to determine the rate of interest thereon, and to take such actions as may be necessary to effect the issuance, sale and delivery of such bonds or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town of Holderness; and additionally to participate in the State Revolving Fund (SRF) RSA 486.14 established for this purpose, and to allow the Selectmen to expend such monies as become available from the Federal and State governments and pass any vote relating thereto. Any income derived from the temporary investment of the bond proceeds shall be returned to the General Fund.

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

(Note: This article must be acted upon by written ballot, the polls must be open for one hour, and to pass the article must receive a two-thirds majority of those voting.)

Moved by Earl Hanson seconded by Peg Winton. A motion by Steve Huss seconded by Earl Hansen to amend Article 3 by inserting the words, "for some or all of this borrowing." The article will read: ... "for this purpose for some or all this borrowing, and to allow the Selectmen to expend such monies as become available from the Federal and State governments and pass any vote relating thereto". Steve Huss explained that this amendment would allow the town to privately finance the construction of the new transfer station. A voice vote was taken and the amendment PASSED. William Webb moved to amend Article 3 by inserting the words, "up to" after "appropriate" on the first line of the article. The Moderator stated this was a universal concurrence and declared the amendment PASSED. Lynn Johnson, Chairman of Transfer Station Relocation Committee, recognized fellow members of the Committee and reviewed the specifics on the closure and capping of the transfer station. She discussed the monetary cost and spoke in favor of this article. Robert Snelling, Chairman of the Transfer Station Design Committee, explained the proposed design of the facility. The Design Committee recommends we continue the present recycling activities and provide accommodation for expansion in the future. The polls opened for a secret ballot at 8:37 p.m. and closed at 9:37 p.m. A ballot vote was taken on the amended article: 164 votes in favor and 43 votes against and the article PASSED as amended.

**Article 6:** To see if the Town will vote per RSA 669:17 & 17-b to authorize the position of Tax Collector to be appointed rather than elected, effective at the 2004 Town Meeting.

Moved by Earl Hansen seconded by Peg Winton. Paul Montour asked why the Selectmen wanted to change the position from elected to appointed. Steve Huss replied that Board of Selectmen want to make sure that the person is qualified to do the job, tax collections now exceeds six million dollars. Martha Richards assumed if it stayed an



elected position, the person who ran for the office of tax collector would know if they had the qualifications for that position. Amanda Loud made a motion to amend the article to read, “appointed by the Selectmen for a one year term”, so that if the person appointed in the position as tax collector is not performing sufficiently they could be terminated. Moderator Ross Deachman asked the Board of Selectmen if RSA 669: 17 & 17-b allows a one year appointment? The Board of Selectmen did not know the answer to the question. Peter Francesco asked the Moderator if the person who was appointed would they become a town employee? Moderator Ross Deachman stated that the person would likely be an employee and be subject to termination for good cause. The amendment was not seconded. Dean Hodge asked if the person appointed is required to be a resident of Holderness. Paul Weston, Town Administrator stated that it is not a requirement. Lyle Thompson made a motion to close debate, seconded by Kathy Huss. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried. A voice vote was taken on the main article and the article PASSED.

**Article 7:** To see if the Town will vote to approve paying to the Conservation Fund previously established under RSA 36-A: 5, 50% of all land use change tax receipts up to an annual limit of \$5,000., and to deposit all other land use change tax receipts into a land use change tax fund adopted under the provisions of RSA 79-A: 25-a to account for revenues received from the land use change tax in a fund separate from the general fund. Any surplus remaining in the land use change tax fund shall not be a part of the general fund until such time as the legislative body shall have had the opportunity at an annual meeting to vote to appropriate a specific amount from the land use change tax fund for any purpose not prohibited by the laws or by the constitution of this state. After an annual meeting any unappropriated balance of the land use change tax revenue received during the prior fiscal year shall be recognized as general fund revenue for the current fiscal year.

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

Moved by Earl Hansen and seconded by Peg Winton. Lynn Johnson, member of the Conservation Commission, explained that the intent of this article is to allow 50% of the money collected through the land use change tax will be placed into a conservation reserve fund with an annual limit of \$ 5,000.00. Withdrawal will have to be approved at a subsequent Town meeting. This fund will allow the town to purchase conservation properties or conservation easements and allow the Town to match state funds for such purchases. Richard Miller spoke against this article. Paul Montour stated currently the capital reserve fund has a balance of \$ 16,000.00, and asked for an explanation on the intent of this fund. Steve Huss explained that the Conservation Commission would like to build up this fund so if opportunities become available there would be funds to draw from. An idea that the Conservation Commission has discussed is to buy easements between Holderness Central School and the Town Forest to create trails for students to use. Jack Barbera spoke in favor of this article. A voice vote was taken and the article PASSED.

**Article 8:** To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Recreation Path Reserve Fund and transfer said funds to the General Fund (Note: balance on hand on 12/31/02 was \$45,671.)

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

Moved by Earl Hansen seconded by Alden "Skip" Van Sickle. Martha Richards asked what the purpose of the article is. Steve Huss explained that the Town had grants to extend the recreation path but this was voted down a few years ago. There are no plans to extend the recreation path at this time. Huss explained that this reserve fund is not for maintenance but for design and construction of new recreation paths, which was proposed to match State and Federal monies.

The Town has no interest in continuing the recreation paths thus; the money should be transferred into the general fund to lower taxes. George DeAngelis asked about the condition and maintenance of the bike path.

Steve Huss replied that the Selectmen have requested the State resurface the recreation path with an acceptable material so bikes are able to ride on it. The town has \$20,000.00 designated as a maintenance fund for the recreation path. A voice vote was taken and the article PASSED.

**Article 9:** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Police Cruiser Reserve Fund to be used for funding the acquisition of future police vehicles, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,500. to be deposited in that fund.

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

Moved by Peg Winton seconded by Earl Hansen. Anthony Raymond asked if this article is to re-establish the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund, which at present has no money in it. Steve Huss replied that last year this fund was eliminated because the town was leasing cruisers, but the four-wheel drive vehicle needs to be replaced this year. A new schedule to appropriate \$21,500.00 annually for the next five years has been developed to provide the Police Department with good quality vehicles. A voice vote was taken and the article PASSED.

**Article 10:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a four year lease/purchase agreement for a new police cruiser, and to raise and appropriate \$7,500. for the payment of the first year's lease cost. (Note: The proposed lease will be four payments of \$7,410.20 each, cruiser to cost \$27,121. and interest payments to cost \$2,519.80. The lease will contain a non-appropriation clause).

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

Moved by Earl Hansen seconded by Lyle Thompson. George DeAngelis asked about the last statement in the article.

Steve Huss explained that this clause allows the Town to end the municipal lease if the town meeting votes down next year's lease. Mr. Huss explained that this article is intended for the lease/purchase of a four-wheel drive cruiser. A voice vote was taken and the article PASSED.



**Article 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$195,000. to be placed in the following Capital Reserve Funds:

Fire Trucks	\$30,000.
Road Reconstruction	90,000.
Town Hall	13,000.
Library	5,000.
Revaluation	39,000.
Fire Equipment	2,000.
Village Sidewalks	5,000.
White Oak Pond Dam	1,000.
Master Plan	5,000.
Conservation Commission	<u>5,000.</u>
	\$195,000.

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

Moved by Earl Hansen seconded by Peg Winton. George DeAngelis asked if the \$ 5,000.00 listed for Conservation Commission is the same money as in Article 7. Steve Huss replied no, the \$ 5,000.00 here in Article 11 is being placed in the Conservation Fund because Article 7 is not allowed to collect the money until the year 2004. A voice vote was taken and the article PASSED.

**Article 12:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$392,681 for the following capital projects and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the Selectmen to withdraw the sums indicated from the following designated Capital Reserve Funds for these purposes:

Town Hall	\$20,000.
Road Reconstruction	150,000.
Public Works Vehicles	93,000.
Library	12,000.
Revaluation	62,500.
Dump Closing	29,403.
Master Plan	19,278.
Fire Equipment	<u>6,500.</u>
	\$392,681

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

Moved by Peg Winton seconded by Earl Hansen. Richard Miller questioned the \$ 39,000.00, listed on Article 11 for revaluation, and the \$ 62,500.00 that is listed on Article 12 for revaluation. Moderator Ross Deachman explained that Article 11 represents raising the funds for revaluation to be placed in the Reserve Fund and Article 12 is allowing the withdrawal of the funds. Eugene Ross asked what the \$ 20,000.00 for Town Hall would be spent on. Paul Weston, Town Administrator, responded that this money would be used primarily to

paint the exterior of the Town Hall. Peg Winton further explained this money would also be used for repairs before painting. Gary Cripps asked what the Public Works is purchasing for a vehicle. Peter Furmanick, Public Works Director, stated he would purchase a new six-wheeler dump truck. Gary Cripps asked what the \$ 12,000.00 for Library will be spent on. Laurence Webster, Trustee of the Library, stated the money would be used for building maintenance and handicap access.

Dorothy Thompson asked what the \$ 29,403.00 for Dump Closing would be used for. Steve Huss explained that this money would be transferred to Article 3 if passed. Jackie Jewell asked what the \$ 19,000.00 for Master Plan is for. Earl Hansen, Chairman of Planning Board, stated the Master Plan needs to be updated and will start this year. The money will be used for consultants and printing costs. A voice vote was taken and the article PASSED.

**Article 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one million nine hundred eighty five thousand, two hundred and sixty dollars (\$1,985,260.) which represents the operating budget for the Town. Said sum does not include special or individual articles elsewhere within this warrant.

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

Moved by Earl Hansen seconded by Malcolm “Tink” Taylor. No discussion followed. A voice vote was taken and the article passed.

**Article 14:** To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution:

Whereas, New Hampshire residents pay the 12<sup>th</sup> highest cost of insurance in the country; and

Whereas, the cost of health insurance premiums for families has increased by 45% over the past three years; and

Whereas, 100,000 New Hampshire residents have no health coverage and 77% of them have a full-time worker at home; and

Whereas, due to these rising costs almost half of New Hampshire’s small business cannot afford health coverage for their employees, therefore be it resolved:

That we, the citizens of Holderness, New Hampshire, call on our elected officials from all levels of government, and those seeking office, to work with consumers, businesses, and health care providers to ensure that:

- Everyone, including the self-employed, unemployed, un – and underinsured, and small business owners have access to an affordable basic health plan similar to what federal employees receive;
- Everyone, including employers, consumers, and the state, local and federal government makes a responsible and fair contribution to finance the health care system;
- Everyone receives high quality care that is cost efficient and medically effective; and
- That these efforts help control the skyrocketing cost of health care.

Moved by Earl Hansen seconded by Alden “Skip” VanSickle. Evelyn Stiller spoke

in support of this article, and stated this article is to send a strong message to Concord so our representatives will address the health care problems and make it affordable for everyone. New Hampshire for Health, sponsors of this resolution, is a coalition of groups and individuals, such as the State Employees Association, the Mt. Washington Valley Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Peterborough Chamber of Commerce and the Medicare Rights Coalition, who are trying to make health care affordable for everyone. Eric West asked if there is a legal issue if the town approves this article. Moderator Ross Deachman stated that if this resolution is passed, it only will communicate the sentiment of those present at the meeting. Michael O'Leary spoke against this article because he felt it was an endorsement for national healthcare. Jackie Jewell spoke in favor of the article. Patricia Driscoll stated that it cost \$ 750.00 for the self-employed to cover a family of five for health insurance and it is important to raise awareness of the cost of health insurance. Jonathan Siek spoke in favor of the article. A voice was taken and the article PASSED.

**Article 15:** To transact any other business that can legally come before the meeting.

George DeAngelis recognized and thanked Ernest Brown and his two assistants for the superb work at the Transfer Station, as well as Peter Furmanick and his crew.

Moderator Ross Deachman and Malcolm "Tink" Taylor asked for any information that anyone has on the old stove located in the Town Hall and asked that such information be forwarded to Historical Society.

Steve Huss recognized and thanked Chief Doug Salmon who will retire June 30<sup>th</sup>, for his service to our community.

Steve Huss thanked all the people involved in the landfill closures- the site search committee and the design committee. He also thanked all those people serving on other Town committees for all of their time and effort.

Earl Hansen made a motion for a 7½ minute recess seconded by Malcolm "Tink" Taylor. A voice vote was taken the motion carried.

During the recess Malcolm "Tink" Taylor discussed several suggestions for patriotic purposes the town may want to consider. Peg Winton suggested that Memorial Day be observed in our Town and that the Board of Selectmen forms a committee to organize this observance.

At 9:37 pm, Moderator Ross Deachman declared the polls closed and announced the results of Article 3.

Steve Huss reminded everyone that the State will be making its recommendations on the recreation path, and the Board of Selectmen would appreciate any comments or suggestions about whether the recreation path should be paved or resurfaced with new stone dust.

Earl Hansen moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Harold Maybeck. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellen King  
Town Clerk, Holderness



## HOLDERNESS PLANNING BOARD

The Town of Holderness continues to grow. The figures from the Office of State Planning show:

- the number of housing units increased from 705 in 1980 to 804 in 2000
- the population increased from 1586 in 1980 to 1930 in 2000
- median age 1980 – 30.8, 1990 – 35.2. 2000 – 42.1 (we are aging folks)
- projected future population year 2010 – 2060, year 2015 – 2180, year 2025 – 2490.

There are various pressures that are put on the Town to meet this expected growth. The Planning Board tries to look into the future and suggest regulations for the Town to adopt that will help preserve the way we have come to know and like Holderness. Where are the additional people going to live? How will they get back and forth from these new home locations? What additional services and facilities may the Town need? How can we protect the residents and the environment from any impacts this growth may put on us? All of these questions come before the Planning Board. The Board tries to look into our crystal ball and present a plan that will help keep the Town the way the people like it. We may not all agree on these regulations and processes but I think we all agree that we live in a pretty special place and we would like to keep it that way. Your support is welcomed and encouraged. Please vote for the proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinance, come to the various Town committee and board meetings, and volunteer to join a town board, committee, or organization.

In the next few months the Planning Board will reestablish a Capital Improvements Committee to update the Capital Improvements Plan (CIP). This Plan helps the Selectmen and Budget Committee see when some of the future expenses of the Town may be coming. They then have a better opportunity to keep as level a budget as possible for the town.

At the present time, with the assistance of the Master Plan Committee, the Planning Board is updating the Master Plan. All of the planning for the Town must, by law, be based on a Master Plan. Since the last update the law has changed requiring that our Plan have a “Vision Statement.” With the assistance of a facilitator capturing the thoughts of the Town we have that statement. It is on the Town web site (<http://www.holderness-nh.gov/>), posted in the Town Hall and Post Office, and is included in this report. We hope you will review this statement and share your comments and suggestions with a member of the Planning Board. The Master Plan Committee is chaired by Mike O'Donnell and meets the second Thursday of the month in the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,  
Earl Hansen, Chairman  
Holderness Planning Board



## A VISION FOR HOLDERNESS IN 2015

In 2004 Holderness remains a relatively rural community in central New Hampshire. We have a beautiful natural setting in and around Squam Lake. We treasure the undeveloped nature of our community, with its woods, its fields, and its many other natural assets. We like to use those assets, for hiking, for fishing, for hunting, for recreation. We cherish our access to the land, and to the water.

Holderness is a healthy, functioning social unit. We know and care for our neighbors. We have a good local government. We have a strong volunteer base. We participate in town meeting and in other public policy discussions. We exhibit a respect for the individual, and for a variety of perspectives.

Between Big and Little Squam Lakes, we have a functioning village core. We meet and greet our fellow citizens here, at the library, at the post office, over coffee at the store. The architecture here is pleasant and appropriate in scale. Increasing traffic is a concern, as is pedestrian safety. We need to work on those.

We are hosts to a tourist community, and we are comfortable with that. Many of our guests and visitors are not transients, but rather descendants of families who have summered with us for many years. We like that. We could do a better job of integrating them into our community. Perhaps a summer town meeting is in order, or some other event where we could discuss issues of common concern.

As noted with the traffic on Route 3, we are not without some problems. Real estate prices are high. Apartments and other rental units are few. That makes it difficult for young families, or those of modest means, to live here. That concerns us, as does the lack of employment opportunities. Those are issues that we need to work on as well.

Our vision for Holderness ten years out is that we will have succeeded, if we have developed programs that permit some development, but which respect our natural and social environments, or ways of living here. We will have added some lower cost housing, some new jobs, and some new businesses in the village. But we will have been able to retain those essential qualities that make Holderness such a great place to live and a safe place to raise our kids.

Respectfully submitted,  
Master Plan Committee  
Michael O'Donnell, Chairman

# **2003 HOLDERNESS POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

It gives me great pleasure to address you for the first time as your new Police Chief. As most of you are already aware, I've lived in the Town of Holderness my entire life and have been a member of the Holderness Police Department since May of 1995. It has been a great pleasure working with the community of Holderness.

2003 brought several changes to the Holderness Police Department. In March, Officer Carey Girouard resigned his position to become an officer with the Bedford Police Department. We wish him and his family our best and thank him for his service to the town.

Also in March, Chief Merritt D. Salmon announced that he would retire from his position as Chief of Police. He hoped to retire in June after 24 years of dedicated service.

The Board of Selectman announced that they would open the position of Chief of Police to members of the department. In April I received a promotion to the rank of Deputy Chief providing me with three months to shadow Chief Salmon.

In June, we found ourselves short handed like many other towns in our area. During this time, Chief Salmon agreed to prolong his retirement and work throughout the summer months.

In July, we welcomed Officer Joseph (Jerry) Vogel IV to our team. Jerry came to us with over five years of experience with the Bristol Police Department. Jerry served in the U.S. Army and is a Desert Storm Veteran. Jerry and his wife Stephanie hope to construct a new home in the near future.

On September 1, 2003, Chief Salmon retired. It was difficult to see Chief Salmon leave as he brought each of us to a much higher level of police work and professionalism. We would like to thank Chief Salmon and his family for the years of dedicated service to the town.

In September, the Selectmen promoted me to Chief of Police. Shortly after my promotion, I promoted Officer Mark Nash to the rank of Corporal. Corporal Nash will serve as a patrol supervisor, detective, juvenile officer and DARE instructor, and will also implement the DARE program into the fifth and seventh grade classes. Corporal Nash has recently taken on a role as a DARE mentor, someone who trains other local officers that would like to be DARE officers. He will be attending a DARE mentor seminar this year in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Corporal Nash is also implementing the DARE program into the fifth and seventh grade classes.

In November, we welcomed Doug Salmon back to the team as a part time officer. Doug will be covering open shifts (we are short one full time officer). Doug is an asset to the community and I'm proud to have him as part of my staff.

Our Department continues to adapt to a changing environment around us. We strive to

provide you with the highest quality of service as we explore new and more updated ways to protect our community.

Please join me in thanking each member of the Police Department for the tremendous and exhausting work that they do each and every day.

I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen for their support and guidance and I would also like to thank all of the Town departments for their assistance and support throughout the year. It has been very beneficial to work in an environment where each different department works so well with each other.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeremiah Patridge  
Chief of Police



*Stephanie A. MacKay,  
Administrative  
Secretary*



## 2003 POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT

911 Hang-up	25	Juvenile Offenses	8
Abandoning A Vehicle	3	Lost Property	9
Alarm	83	Miscellaneous	51
Alcoholism	3	Missing Persons	4
Animal Involved Incidents	56	Motor Vehicle Accidents	61
Arrest On A Warrant	4	Motor Vehicle Citations	78
Assist Other Departments	196	Motor Vehicle Complaint	48
Attempt To Locate	3	Motor Vehicle Lockout	11
Attempted Suicide	1	Motor Vehicle Warnings	381
Bench Warrant	1	Motorist Assist	78
Burglary	7	Negligent Homicide	2
Citizen Request Assistance	81	Open/unsecure Door	39
Civil Matter	21	Open Container	2
Civil Standby	10	Paper Service/relay	27
Conduct After An Accident	3	Parking Complaint	8
Criminal Mischief	15	Police Information	55
Criminal Threatening	3	Police Report Of Acc. Required	8
Criminal Trespass	5	Possession Of Contr. Drugs	1
Damaged Property	3	Protective Custody	3
Deaths	3	Reckless Conduct	4
Directed Patrol	125	Reckless Operation	3
Disorderly Actions	7	Recovered Property	2
Disorderly Conduct	4	Resisting Arrest Or Detention	1
Dog A Menace/nuisance/vicious	9	Shots Fired	3
Dog A Nuisance- Civil Forfeiture	2	Simple Assault	10
Dog At Large	1	Suspicious Incident	38
Dog Control Law	36	Suspicious Person	12
Domestic Disturbance	7	Suspicious Vehicle	19
Driving After Revoc. Or Susp.	6	Taking Without Owner Consent	1
Driving Without Given Proof	2	Theft; All Other	10
Dwi	4	Theft; From A Building	9
Emergency Message	2	Theft Of Lost Or Mislaid Property	1
Endang. Welfare Of A Child	1	Theft Of Motor Vehicle	1
False Report	1	Theft Of Services	1
Felonious Sexual Assault	1	Traffic Control	60
Fingerprints - Job Applications	39	Theft By Unauthorized Taking	2
Found Property	23	Unattended Vehicle	3
Fraudulent Use Of Credit Card	2	Unregistered Vehicle	1
Gas Drive Off	30	Vin Verification	14
Harassment	7	Welfare Check	15
Issuing Bad Checks	9		



## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT



*DPW Staff Left to Right: Stuart Sherburne, Peter Furmanick (Director), Robert Potter (Foreman), Dennis Hughes.*

This year the major road project for the Town of Holderness was the replacement of the culverts on Central School Road. Because there is no other access to the School, the project required a temporary roadway be erected to provide access for emergency and summer school traffic. This also required moving the telephone poles 10 feet away from the road and the cutting of trees and removal of stumps to allow for the placement of the new poles and wires. Our Department with the help of the NH Electric Co-op removed the trees. This allowed us to widen the road and to construct a sidewalk from the outer parking lot to the school.

The smaller stumps were removed by the contractor during the project. The largest pine stump that was on the side of the Central School Road was ground-up, in place, by the NHDOT Ashland state shed, while they were working on Route 175 near the area of Central School Road. We thank Ed Merrill, Tony Zimmer, and Skip Thompson for doing the grinding.

The low-bid on this project, accepted by the selectmen, was from Dana White Construction of Plymouth, New Hampshire. This growing company provided our Town with quality work at the lowest cost. It was a pleasure working with them.

We replaced the old culverts with box-culverts. The block wall that was used (which is called Redi-Rock) as well as the square cement box culverts, were provided by Michie Corp of Henniker, New Hampshire. This combination of material was the lowest cost solution for this project. Steve Gard, the precast division manager, as well as one of the owners from Michie was on site in the pouring rain assembling these culverts to assure the proper placement and fit. Having a company owner on site proves to me that this company is committed to the quality of their product and the satisfaction of their customers.

This project took longer than expected because of the heavy rain that we encountered. There was flooding over the temporary road on three separate occasions. Dana White

did a great job dealing with this extra water.

Another Highway Department project was the site line improvement at the intersection of East Holderness Road and Route 3. Our department worked with the project manager of the Jehovah Kingdom Hall project. The site line improvement work was coordinated and done along with their project, a cost savings for the Town.

We continue to foster good relationships with neighboring town departments. This is mutually beneficial to all involved. Holderness did ditchwork in Ashland earlier in the year with our grader and our operator. In return Ashland Highway Department provided us roadside mowing and trimming. Thanks go to Mark Ober. The Plymouth Highway Department swept downtown Holderness with their street sweeper before Memorial Day. This allowed us to paint our crosswalks and parking areas before the holiday. In return, Plymouth borrowed our "tow behind broom" for some of their back road sweeping. Thanks again to Jim Boucher, Chris McCormack, Joe Fagnant, and the crew of the Plymouth Highway Department.

I would also like to recognize Hawkensen Equipment Company of Plymouth for their donation of a string mower to the Town of Holderness. This worked great mowing along the bike path. Thank you Steve Huss.

In November our Department accepted delivery of our new highway truck. It was purchased from Peterbilt of New Hampshire. They allowed a trade in value of \$16,000 for our 1992 Ford LN8000. The quality and value of this new vehicle will be an asset to our Highway Department now, as well as at the time of trade. The truck body and equipment on the new Peterbuilt were purchased from Donovan Equipment Company from Londonderry, New Hampshire. The body has a built in sander that allows the operator to spread sand in front of the rear tires for traction. It also has an additional rear spinner attachment spreading sand behind the vehicle as well. Stuart Sherburne is the operator of this new truck. His route will benefit greatly from the front power angle plow, because of the amount of Cul-de-sacs he maintains.

I am very proud of the dedicated crew that I work with. I wish to thank Bob Potter, Stuart Sherburne, and Dennis Hughes for their commitment to this department, as well as their families for accepting and supporting that commitment.

The Selectmen of this Town also need to be recognized. Their diverse backgrounds allow them to see things differently and independently of each other. What I ask for is carefully reviewed by our Selectmen. As a Department Head, I don't always get what I want. As a taxpayer, I appreciate their commitment to keeping costs to a minimum.

Respectfully submitted,  
Peter Furmanick  
Public Works Director



# HOLDERNESS RECREATION ANNUAL REPORT

## 2003

Holderness Recreation continues to offer a wide range of activities and programs for residents of all ages. Our summer day camp program is the cornerstone of our summer offerings while during the rest of the year we offer such activities as volleyball, archery, early bird exercise, swimming lessons and indoor walking. This past year a few new activities were introduced. These include a school vacation trip to a cinema-pub for teenagers, a bus trip to Durham to see the Lipizzaner Stallions, a Norwegian Snowflake project at the Holderness Free Library, and primitive rug hooking classes.



*Recreation Director  
Kay Hanson*

New this past fall was the introduction of our web page as part of the Town's new website. Recreation programs are listed on the website's Community Calendar and described on the webpage. A registration form can be easily be down loaded from one's home PC at [www.holderness-nh.gov](http://www.holderness-nh.gov). Registration forms are also available at the Holderness Town Hall, The Holderness Post Office and at the Holderness Free Library. The Recreation Department continues to produce four quarterly program flyers that are mailed to all Holderness Residents. The Holderness Recreation Department can be contacted at 968-3700 or on line at [holdrec@adelphia.net](mailto:holdrec@adelphia.net). Program changes and announcements are made in The Record Enterprise "Talk of the Town", and at the website.

Besides offering and facilitating programs, Holderness Recreation also administers the Town Beach. In addition to the Town Beach, the Department utilizes space in the Town Hall, the Fire/Police Station, the Holderness Central School, and the Town's tennis courts. The Recreation Department also uses other facilities in the area: The Holderness School Ice Rink, The Pemi Fish & Game Club indoor archery range, Squam Lake Association (SLA) canoes and campsites, and the indoor track at Plymouth State College field house.

Holderness Recreation maintains a separate account in which we can accept monetary donations for program scholarships, equipment and special programming. This past year deserving Holderness families were granted 11 two-week scholarships to our Day Camp and a program scholarship for archery lessons. Thank you to the Holderness Central School Support Staff for donating to this fund. Anyone wishing to contribute to the scholarship fund is encouraged to contact us.

It takes participants, generous sponsors, volunteers and contributions from local businesses to make Holderness Recreation Programs successful. A special thank you to Camp Deerwood for providing CPR training to all of the Day Camp Staff and to the Beach Attendants, and especially to the administration, faculty and staff of Holderness Central School for their on-going and valuable support.

If you would like help initiating a program or have any ideas for programs, please contact us. We look forward to your participation in our year 2004 programs.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Stepp (Chairman)  
George (Biff) Sutcliffe (Secretary)  
Janet Cocchiaro  
Peter Durnan  
Jay Fogarty  
Robin Peck  
Gail Smith  
Kay Hanson (Recreation Director)



# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT — MS-61

## DECEMBER 31, 2003

DEBITS	2003	2002
Uncollected Taxes: December 31, 2002		
Property Taxes:	\$	284,528.41
Sewer Rents:	\$	676.30
Yield Taxes:	\$	4,507.03
Betterment Assessment:	\$	2,136.65
Land Use Change Tax:		
Taxes committed to Collector:		
Property Taxes:	\$ 7,095,152.00	
Sewer Taxes:	\$ 2,254.00	\$ 3,774.00
Yield Taxes:	\$ 8,590.19	
Betterment Assessment:	\$ 17,544.00	
Excavation Tax:	\$ 1,840.00	
Land Use Change Tax:	\$	
Prepayment:		
2004 Property Taxes	\$ 1,632.75	
Prepayment: Fall Sewer	\$ 81.64	
Added Taxes:		
Property Taxes:	\$ 32,080.00	
Sewer Taxes:		
Overpayments:		
Property Taxes:	\$ 12,755.10	\$ 68.24
Interest on Delinquent Taxes:		
Property Tax:	\$ 4,362.26	\$ 15,495.22
Yield Tax:	\$ 9.65	\$ 9.37
Sewer Tax:	\$ 8.58	\$ 110.13
Betterment Assessment:	\$ 25.17	\$ 122.81
Land Use Change:		
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	\$ 7,176,335.34	\$ 311,428.16
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*Ellen King (right) -  
 Tax Collector/Town Clerk  
 Alicia Abbott (left) -  
 Deputy Tax Collector/  
 Deputy Town Clerk*

# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT — MS-61

## DECEMBER 31, 2003

CREDITS	2003	2002
Property Taxes:	\$ 6,751,093.01	\$ 180,070.27
Sewer:	\$ 2,185.00	\$ 3,878.86
Yield Taxes:	\$ 5,694.16	\$ 4,507.03
Betterment Assessment:	\$ 14,749.51	\$ 1,873.64
Land Use Change Tax:		
Excavation Tax:	\$ 1,840.00	
Prepayment: Fall Sewer Tax:	\$ 81.64	
Prepayment: Property Taxes: 2004	\$ 1,632.75	
Received Property Payment 2002:	\$ 6,640.00	
Interest/Penalties:		
Property Taxes:	\$ 4,362.26	\$ 15,495.22
Yield:	\$ 9.65	\$ 9.37
Sewer:	\$ 8.58	\$ 110.13
Betterment:	\$ 25.17	\$ 122.81
Land Use Change:		
Overpayments:	\$ 12,755.10	\$ 68.24
Converted to Tax Lien:		\$ 104,889.99
Excess: Credit	\$ (268.00)	
Tax Deed:		
Abatements:		
Property Taxes:	\$ 62,545.00	\$ 396.99
Betterment:		\$ 5.01
Sewer:		\$ 0.60
Yield:	\$ 2,896.03	
Uncollected Taxes: December 31, 2003		
Property Taxes:	\$ 307,221.99	\$ -
Sewer Rents:	\$ 69.00	
Yield Taxes:	\$ -	
Betterment Assessment:	\$ 2,794.49	
Current Use Penalty:		
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	\$ 7,176,335.34	\$ 311,428.16
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# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT-MS 61

## DECEMBER 31, 2003

### DEBITS

	2002	2001	2000
Unredeemed Taxes: December 31, 2002		\$ 69,559.00	\$ 19,057.08
Tax Lien of:	\$ 111,531.70		
	2,237.98		
Interest collected after Lien:	\$ 4,043.49	\$ 10,922.40	\$ 7,230.93
	<u>\$117,813.17</u>	<u>\$ 80,481.40</u>	<u>\$ 26,288.01</u>
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### CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer:			
Redemptions:	\$ 47,505.62	\$ 41,402.27	\$ 19,057.08
Interest after Lien:	\$ 4,043.49	\$ 10,922.40	\$ 7,230.93
Deeded to Town:			
Unredeemed Taxes: December 31, 2003	\$ 64,026.08	\$ 28,156.73	\$
	2,237.98		
	<u>\$117,813.17</u>	<u>\$ 80,481.40</u>	<u>\$ 26,288.01</u>
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# TAX RATE CALCULATION 2003

## TOWN PORTION

APPROPRIATIONS	\$3,118,965
LESS: REVENUES	2,047,840
SHARED REVENUES	4,919
ADD: OVERLAY	17,086
WAR SVC CREDITS	<u>15,000</u>
NET TOWN APPROPRIATIONS	<u>1,098,292</u>

## MUNICIPAL TAX RATE

1.98

## SCHOOL PORTION

NET LOCAL SCHOOL BUDGET	3,131,920
REGNL SCHOOL APPRTMNT	2,060,433
LESS: SHARED REVENUE	
STATE EDUC TAXES	(1,431,808)
APPRVD SCHOOL TAX EFFORT	<u>3,760,545</u>

## LOCAL EDUC TAX RATE

6.81

## STATE EDUCATION REQUIRE

1,651,883

## STATE TAX RATE

3.01

EXCESS REMIT TO STATE

220,075

## COUNTY PORTION

DUE TO COUNTY	580,973
LESS: SHARED REVENUE	2,761
APPRVD COUNTY TAX EFFORT	<u>578,212</u>

## COUNTY TAX RATE

1.05

## COMBINED TAX RATE

12.85

TOTAL PROP TAX ASSESSED

7,088,932

LESS: WAR SVCS CREDITS

15,000

TOTAL PROP TAX COMMITTMNT

7,073,932

## PROOF OF RATE

STATE EDUC VALUATION	549,115,474
OTHER VALUATION	552,448,674
STATE TAX RATE	3.01
ALL OTHER TAX RATE	<u>9.84</u>
TOTAL TAX RATE	12.85

STATE ASSESSMENT

1,651,883

ALL OTHER ASSESSMENT

5,437,049

TOTAL ASSESSMENT

7,088,932

BEGINNING FUND BALANCE

616,073

CURRENT YEAR SURPLUS

103,524

FUND BALANCE USED

145,000

ENDING FUND BALANCE

\$574,597

**REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK  
REMITTED TO THE TREASURER, 2003**

Motor Vehicle .....	352,048.00
Dog Licenses.....	2,514.00
Marriage Licenses.....	1,510.00
Vital Fees .....	269.00
Filing Fees.....	10.50
Transfer Station Fees .....	21,121.59
Beach Permits .....	2,330.00
Wetlands.....	86.00
UCC'S.....	549.50
Miscellaneous .....	110.00
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Total .....	\$ 380,548.59

## TOWN HALL COMMITTEE

This was a year of change for our committee. Our past chairman Mr. Larry Gouch resigned due to professional time constraints. As many of you know Larry not only chaired the Town Hall committee, but chaired the committee that built the Safety Building (Police & Fire Station) and also the Town Garage building. The committee would like to thank him for his 7 years of outstanding service and commitment to the Town of Holderness. We hope that we can still use Larry as a resource for any upcoming projects.

Last year we completed all the structural improvements of the Town Hall roof. We used Lefebvre Construction for this project and they did a wonderful job and were extremely easy to work with. This past fall the outside of the building was painted and some minor improvements were made. The carriage house was also painted. The only item to be completed is painting the metal roof of the carriage house, which is scheduled for completion this spring.

At this time the committee is hard at work trying to finalize plans for the inside and outside reconstruction. With the Selectman's support we will have a plan in place to present at the Town Hall meeting in March.

Lastly, I would like to thank the other members of the committee. I am lucky to work with such dedicated people who have the best interests of the taxpayers in mind with all projects they undertake.

Respectfully submitted  
Paul Montour, Chairman  
Skip Van Sickle  
Peg Winton  
Steve Szabadics  
Paul Buck  
Barbara Currier, Selectmen's Liaison



# **SCHEDULE OF TOWN EQUIPMENT**

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

1931 Ford	
1952 Willis Jeep	
1962 Willis Jeep	
1985 Mack Fire Truck	12T5
1988 Ford Rescue	12R1
1990 Mack Fire Truck	12E3
1993 Ford Forest Fire Truck	12F3
1997 Mack Fire Truck	12E4
18' Boston Whaler Boat	12B1

### **MOBILE EQUIPMENT**

1976 Aztex Fire Boat  
1979 Dunbarton Cascade Trailer  
1891 Boat Trailer  
2002 Yacht Snowmobile Trailer  
2003 Skandik Ski-Doo

## **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

2004 Peterbilt Dump Truck  
1994 Galion Grader  
1998 Ford Dump Truck  
1997 Caterpillar Backhoe  
1999 Ford "One Ton" Truck  
1993 Ford Pickup Truck

### **EQUIPMENT**

1988 York Rake  
1988 Road Broom

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

2000 Ford Crown Victoria	Unit #1
2000 Ford Crown Victoria	Unit #2
1998 Ford Crown Victoria	Unit #3
2003 Ford Expedition	Unit #2

## SCHEDULE OF TOWN & SCHOOL PROPERTY

<b>TAX MAP/ LOT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION LOCATION</b>	<b>LAND VALUE</b>	<b>BUILDING VALUE</b>	<b>TOTAL VALUE</b>
229-25	Holderness Central School	\$143,100	\$3,542,500	\$3,685,600
228-79	HCS Storage Building	76,000	257,300	333,300
225-16	Pemi River Park Lot	45,000		45,000
231-3	Route 113	25,000		25,000
239-1	Town Hall	34,600	271,600	306,200
222-15	Town Forest Lot	109,500		109,500
222-15	Public Works Garage.		231,500	231,500
101-19	Library	294,800	192,000	486,800
223-11	Pilote Conservation Lot	456,400		456,400
245-65	Transfer Station	22,500	4,300.	26,800
224-1	Smith Road Lot	50,800		50,800
No Map #	White Oak Pond Dam	32,100		32,100
101-8	Fire/Police Station	117,000	728,700	845,700
239-42	Corner Lot - Routes 3 & 175	31,000		31,000
252-16-1	East Holderness Road	100,000		100,000

### TOWN MAINTAINED CEMETERIES

<b>NAME</b>	<b>MAP/LOT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
East Holderness	259-9	Corner Rt. 3 & E. Holderness Rd
Eastman	251	E. Holderness Rd west of Vontel Rd
Cox	255-3	East Holderness Road
Merrill	255-11	Hawkins Pond Road
Piper	246-21	Coxboro Road
Squam Bridge	101-10	Corner Rt. 3 & Rt. 113
True	206	Rt. 113 and Pinehurst Rd
Shaw	228-	Hardhack Road
Todd	205-	Rt 113
Sanborn`	222-22	Old Highway South
Prescott	231-	Old Highway South

# HOLDERNESS TRANSFER STATION

## TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Monday .....	8:00 AM to 4 PM
Tuesday .....	Closed
Wednesday .....	8:00 AM to 4 PM
Thursday .....	Closed
Friday .....	8:00 AM to 4 PM
Saturday .....	8:00 AM to 4 PM
Sunday .....	1:00 PM to 4 PM

This past year, the transfer station has focused on ways of cutting costs and improving operations. Our paper is purchased by Empire Scrap out of Massachusetts. This company allows us to place ALL paper products (books, magazines, office paper, junk mail, and any paper product that tears) into this container. The Holderness Post Office is placing all of its junk mail into this container and reducing our compactor weight by almost a ton a month. Thank- you Larry Mowbray, Postmaster, for supporting our efforts. Please remember ***No Plastic Bags*** in this container. The more paper we recycle, the more money we save in disposal costs. We have a new vendor taking our aluminum cans and scrap aluminum and paying more per pound than our previous vendor. We have added two new containers for Construction debris. We compacted our open top containers with the Highway Departments backhoe. This maximized the payload and again allowed a reduction of transportation costs.

Earnest Brown, Gary Moulton, and Scott Davis all continue to do a great job at running this facility. My thanks go out to them.

Respectfully submitted,  
Peter Furmanick



## TREASURER'S REPORT - 2003

Balance on hand as of January 1, 2003	\$2,827,813.55
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Receipts:

Property Taxes	\$7,235,619.21
All Other	1,053,139.56

Total	8,288,758.77
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Disbursements:

School	5,502,861.00
County	580,973.00
Wages	652,080.93
Operations-Other	1,737,412.30

Total	8,473,327.23
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Balance on hand as of December 31, 2003	\$2,643,245.09
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Proof of Balance:

Meredith Village Savings Bank - General Acct	\$66,204.72
Meredith Village Savings Bank - Payroll Acct	147.61
Meredith Village Savings Bank - Investment Acct	2,575,372.20
Meredith Village Savings Bank - Conservation Fund	1,419.10
Meredith Village Savings Bank - Trust Acct	101.46

Total	\$2,643,245.09
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This summary of receipts and disbursements is prepared using cash basis accounting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Micahel O'Leary  
Town Treasurer

**TOWN OF HOLDERNESS**  
**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**  
**MARCH 9 & 10, 2004**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Holderness, in the County of Grafton and the State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall on Tuesday the ninth day of March next, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the polls shall be opened and shall not close earlier than seven o'clock in the evening to act upon the first two Articles; the third and subsequent Articles to be acted upon commencing at seven o'clock in the evening of the following day, Wednesday, the tenth day of March, in the auditorium of the Holderness Central School.

**Article 1:** To choose all Town Officers by official ballot:

2	Selectmen	3 Year Term
1	Town Treasurer	1 Year Term
1	Trustee of Trust Funds	3 Year Term
1	Supervisor of the Checklist	6 Year Term
1	Library Trustee	1 Year Term
2	Library Trustees	3 Year Term
1	Fire Ward	3 Year Term

**Article 2:** To vote by official ballot on the amendments to the existing Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board and posted with this warrant.

**Article 3:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$190,468. for renovations and improvements to the Town Hall, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the Selectmen to borrow by note up to the sum of \$142,851., to negotiate the rate of interest and other terms thereof, and to take such other action as is necessary, and to further authorize the transfer of \$7,778. from the Town Hall Reserve Fund, and to raise \$39,839. by 2004 general tax revenue for this project.

**Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee**

(Note: This article must be acted upon by written ballot, the voting must be open for one hour, and to pass the article must receive a two-thirds majority of those voting).

**Article 4:** To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of all Town Officers and Committees.

**Article 5:** To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote taken at the March 12, 2003, Town Meeting, Article 3, which authorized the Board of Selectmen to borrow up to \$600,000. for the design and construction of the capping of the landfill and a new transfer station.

**Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee**

**Article 6:** Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from the property tax, per RSA 72:39-b, to allow the elderly taxpayer who qualifies for the exemption to have an income of not more than \$20,000. (presently the limit is \$13,400) or, if married, a combined net income of not more than \$25,000. (presently the limit is \$20,400.); and own assets of not more than \$50,000. (presently the limit is \$35,000.).

**Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee**

**Article 7:** To see if the Town will adopt the provisions of RSA 41:14a which authorizes the Board of Selectmen to acquire or sell land, buildings, or both, provided that the Selectmen first submit the proposed acquisition or sale to the Planning Board and Conservation Commission for review and recommendation, and further provided that they first hold two public hearings on the proposal. Then Selectmen may proceed, provided that if 50 or more registered voters petition the Selectmen, the acquisition or sale shall not proceed until it is approved by the voters at town meeting.

**Article 8:** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 149-I, vesting in the Board of Selectmen the powers of a board of sewer commissioners under that chapter. Such powers shall extend to the area of Holderness served by the sewer system formerly operated by the Upper Holderness Sewer District, which has since been dissolved, and any additions thereto within the Town as authorized by the selectmen; and further to authorize the selectmen to accept a deed/bill of sale to any and all assets of the former sewer district.

**Article 9:** To see if the Town will vote to allow the Selectmen to convey an easement with conditions to Jacob Dunnell, to permit his property to continue to draw water from a drilled well installed on the Holderness Free Public Library property.

**Article 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$28,400. for updating the Master Plan, and to authorize the withdrawal of up to \$19,200. from the Master Plan Reserve Fund for this purpose, with the balance of \$9,200. to be raised by taxation.

**Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee.**

**Article 11:** To see if the Town will vote to rename the Safety Building Reserve Fund the Municipal Buildings Reserve Fund, said Fund to be used for future improvements to those properties, and to further raise and appropriate \$7,500. for deposit into the Reserve Fund.

**Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee.**

(Requires two-thirds majority vote to pass).

**Article 12:** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Grant Applications Expendable Reserve Fund to be used to match Federal or State grants which may be received, and to designate the Selectmen as agents to expend moneys from this fund, and to raise and appropriate \$5,000. for deposit into said fund.

**Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee**



**Article 13:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a two year lease/purchase agreement for a new Police cruiser for the price of \$22,514. and to raise and appropriate \$11,500. for the first year payment on this lease/purchase. This lease/purchase contains an escape clause.

**Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee**

**Article 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$266,000.to be placed in the following Capital Reserve Funds:

Public Works Vehicles	\$35,000.
Police Vehicles	1,000.
Fire Trucks	30,000.
Road Reconstruction	150,000.
Library	17,000.
Transfer Station	10,000.
Revaluation/assessing	15,000.
Fire Equipment	2,000.
White Oak Pond Dam	1,000.
Conservation Commission	5,000.
	\$266,000.

**Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee.**

**Article 15:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$247,800. for the following capital projects and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the Selectmen to withdraw the sums indicated from the following designated Capital Reserve Funds for these purposes:

Road Reconstruction	150,000.
Public Works Vehicles	32,500.
Fire Equipment	4,300.
Library	36,000.
Revaluation/assessing	15,000.
Transfer Station	10,000.
	\$247,800.

**Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee.**

**Article 16:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one million, seven hundred forty two thousand, five hundred fifteen dollars (\$1,742,515.) which represents the operating budget for the Town. Said sum does not include special or individual articles elsewhere within this warrant.

**Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee.**

**Article 17:** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28 II & IV, "The OPTIONAL Veterans Tax Credit on residential property and to raise the exempted figure to the maximum amount per state law \$500.

(Note: the above article was received by petition).

**Article 18:** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:35 I-a, “The OPTIONAL Veterans Tax Credit for Service-Connected Total Disability” and to raise the exempted figure to the maximum amount per state law \$2,000.

(Note: the above article was received by petition).

**Article 19:** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:29a, II, “The OPTIONAL Veterans Tax Credit on the real and personal property of the surviving spouse of any person who was killed or died while on active duty in the armed forces of the United States or any of the armed forces of any of the governments associated with the United States in the wars, conflicts or armed combat or combat zones set forth in RSA 72:28 and to raise the exempted figure to the maximum amount per state law \$2,000.

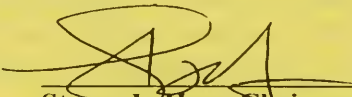
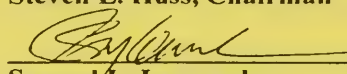
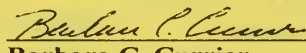
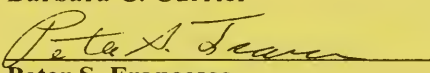
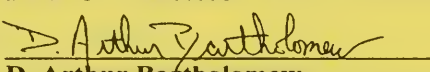
(Note: the above article was received by petition).

**Article 20:** To see if the Town will vote to require the Selectmen to seek prior approval from a town meeting prior to the removal or sale of the historic woodstove that is in the meeting room of the town hall.

(Note: the above article was received by petition).

**Article 21:** To transact any other business that can legally come before the meeting.  
Given under our hands this 9th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand four.

HOLDERNESS  
BOARD OF  
SELECTMEN

  
Steven L. Huss, Chairman  
  
Samuel L. Laverack  
  
Barbara C. Currier  
  
Peter S. Francesco  
  
D. Arthur Bartholomew

Cumulative Appropriations

Article	Amount	Purpose
3	\$190,468.	Town Hall Improvements
10	28,400.	Master Plan Update
11	7,500.	Municipal Buildings Reserve Fund
12	5,000.	Grant Applications Reserve Fund
13	11,500.	Police Cruiser Leases
14	266,000.	To Capital Reserve Funds
15	247,800.	Capital Projects
Subtotal.	\$756,668.	
16	\$1,742,515.	Net Remaining Budget
	\$2,499,183.	Gross Budget

# BUDGET-TOWN OF HOLDERNESS 2004

Source Of Revenue	Estimated Revenue Prior Year	Actual Revenue Prior Year	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year
REVENUE			
TAXES			
LAND USE CHANGE TAXES	7,000	0	5,000
YIELD TAXES - CURRENT	12,000	10,202	10,000
BOAT TAX	8,000	8,261	7,500
IN LIEU OF TAXES	1,750	4,025	4,000
EXCAVATION TAX	1,840		
INTEREST & PENALTIES	34,000	33,643	20,000
TOTAL	62,750	57,971	46,500
LICENSES AND PERMITS			
BUS LICENSE & CABLE FEES	8,000	6,851	4,000
UCC FILINGS & CERTIFICATES	800	535	500
MOTOR VEHICLE PERMITS	325,000	351,934	325,000
BUILDING PERMITS	5,500	6,105	5,500
OTHER LICENSES & PERMITS			
DOG LICENSES	2,600	2,514	2,600
MARRIAGE LICENSE	600	1,380	800
COPIER	2,000	2,490	2,000
VITAL RECORDS	800	387	200
OTHER LICENSES, PERMITS	500	857	500
SUB TOTAL	6,500	7,628	6,100
TOTAL	345,800	373,053	341,100
STATE AND FEDERAL			
FEMA/STATE			
DES LANDFILL REIMBURSEMENT	15,000	20,330	0
SHARED REVENUE	8,385	16,860	8,430
HIGHWAY BLOCK GRANT	55,053	58,692	58,632
OTHER GRANTS		17,682	2,500
ROOM AND MEALS	56,181	58,899	58,899
SRF LOAN	600,000	0	0
TOTAL	734,619	172,463	128,461



# BUDGET-TOWN OF HOLDERNESS 2004

Source Of Revenue	Estimated Revenue Prior Year	Actual Revenue Prior Year	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICE</b>			
<b>DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE</b>			
POLICE INCOME	1,600	3,837	7,500
POLICE-WITNESS FEES	300	0	900
POLICE-DETAILS	7,500	3,307	5,000
RECREATION DEPARTMENT	29,500	19,999	21,492
FIRE INCOME	350	382	350
BEACH INCOME	2,300	2,330	2,300
TRANSFER/WASTE INCOME	25,000	22,708	18,000
PLANNING INCOME	1,600	1,881	3,000
ZONING INCOME	1,000	1,110	1,000
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SUB TOTAL	69,150	55,554	59,542
SPRING SEWER	3,250	2,663	2,500
FALL SEWER	3,250	3,349	2,500
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TOTAL	75,650	61,566	64,542
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<b>MISCELLANEOUS INCOME</b>			
BETTERMENT ASST LANE RD	17,500	16,648	17,500
SALE OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY		4,621	
INTEREST CHECKING	100	137	100
INVESTMENT ACCT INTEREST	17,000	13,402	9,000
REFUNDS-INSURANCE	3,000	3,202	3,193
INSURANCE-EMPLOYEE SHARE	15,195	13,781	18,100
TRANS FROM CAPITAL RESERVE	392,681	335,022	274,778
TRANS FROM CLOSED CAP FNDS	45,671	45,955	0
INCOME FROM NOTE			142,851
MISCELLANEOUS	10,000	6,648	2,500
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TOTAL	501,147	439,416	468,022
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TOTAL	1,719,966	1,104,469	1,048,625
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# BUDGET - TOWN OF HOLDERNESS 2004

Purpose Of Appropriation (Rsa 32:3,V)	Actual Appropriations Approved Budget	Actual Expenditures For Prior Year	Selectmen's Budget Ensuing Fiscal Year	Budget Committee Recommendation Ensuing Fiscal Year
<b>SUMMARY OF EXPENSES</b>				
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>				
EXECUTIVE	86,846	87,285	91,989	91,989
ELECTION & VITAL STATISTICS	30,960	30,251	49,346	49,346
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	77,183	72,053	92,388	92,388
PROPERTY ASSESSMENT	15,000	15,029	15,000	15,000
LEGAL EXPENSE	20,000	16,310	25,000	25,000
PLANNING/ZONING	11,068	7,900	12,318	12,318
TOWN HALL	14,800	15,419	14,350	14,350
CEMETERIES	3,845	4,853	3,845	3,845
INSURANCE	156,627	148,569	195,694	195,694
UNEMPLOYMENT COMP	400	266	400	400
FICA	35,618	34,513	36,519	36,519
RETIREMENT	28,490	28,778	36,110	36,110
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>				
POLICE	335,141	310,094	343,156	343,156
FIRE	104,445	97,263	101,114	101,114
EMERGENCY MGMT	1,000	987	1,400	1,400
PUBLIC SERVICE	4,994	4,236	6,176	6,176
<b>HIGHWAYS</b>				
HIGHWAYS/STREETS	228,173	216,501	240,146	240,146
LIGHTING	4,450	4,667	4,800	4,800
SANITATION	194,450	179,195	187,123	187,123
SEWER	6,500	3,653	5,000	5,000
<b>HEALTH</b>				
ANIMAL CONTROL	1,100	1,100	2,000	2,000
HEALTH AGENCIES	35,478	34,712	35,954	35,954
HOSPITAL & AMBULANCE	21,724	21,723	24,173	24,173
<b>WELFARE</b>				
DIRECT ASSISTANCE	8,440	13,400	27,000	27,000
SENIOR CITIZENS	2,100	2,100	2,175	2,175
CLINIC	650	650	1,000	1,000
<b>CULTURE/RECREATION</b>				
BEACH	7,215	6,147	7,025	7,025
LIBRARY	39,200	43,901	44,739	44,739
PATRIOTIC	1,000	736	1,200	1,200
RECREATION	46,690	39,315	39,256	39,256
CONSERVATION	1,700	289	3,080	3,080
DEBT SERVICE	0	0	0	0

# BUDGET - TOWN OF HOLDERNESS 2004

Purpose Of Appropriation (Rsa 32:3.V)	Actual Appropriations Approved Budget	Actual Expenditures For Prior Year	Selectmen's Budget Ensiung Fiscal Year	Budget Committee Recommendation Ensiung Fiscal Year
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## CAPITAL OUTLAY

TOWN OFFICE (FROM RESERVE)	<b>20,000</b>	<b>12,536</b>	<b>7,778</b>	<b>7,778</b>
TOWN OFFICE (FROM TAXES)			39,839	39,839
TOWN OFFICE (FROM BANK LOAN)	0	0	142,851	142,851
ROAD RECONSTRUCTION	<b>150,000</b>	<b>142,385</b>	<b>150,000</b>	<b>150,000</b>
PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLES	<b>93,000</b>	<b>93,000</b>	<b>32,500</b>	<b>32,500</b>

LAND BOND	96,695	96,695	93,039	93,039
FIRE EQUIPMENT	<b>6500</b>	<b>6222</b>	<b>4300</b>	<b>4300</b>
POLICE CRUISER-LEASE	7,500	7,410	11,500	11,500
LIBRARY	<b>12,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>36,000</b>	<b>36,000</b>
REVALUATION	<b>62,500</b>	<b>62,500</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>15,000</b>

REVALUATION	0	4,620	0	0
DUMP CLOSING	<b>29,403</b>	<b>17,759</b>	0	0
DUMP CLOSING/LAND PURCHASE	668,097	97,500	0	0
TRANSFER STATION			<b>10,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>
MASTER PLAN	<b>19,278</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>19,200</b>	<b>19,200</b>
MASTER PLAN			9,200	9,200

## TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLES	0	0	35,000	35,000
POLICE VEHICLES	13,500	13,500	1,000	1,000
FIRE TRUCK	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
ROAD RECON	90,000	90,000	150,000	150,000
TOWN HALL	13,000	13,000	0	0

LIBRARY	5,000	5,000	17,000	17,000
TRANSFER STATION	0	0	10,000	10,000
REVALUATION	39,000	39,000	15,000	15,000
FIRE EQUIPMENT	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
VILLAGE SIDEWALKS	5,000	5,000	0	0

WHITE OAK POND	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
MASTER PLAN	5,000	5,000	0	0
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
GRANT APPLICATIONS	0	0	5,000	5,000
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS			7,500	7,500

TOTAL APPROPRIATION	<u>2,898,760</u>	<u>2,191,205</u>	<u>2,499,183</u>	<u>2,499,183</u>
NET APPROPRIATION	<u>2,506,079</u>	<u>1,856,620</u>	<u>2,224,405</u>	<u>2,224,405</u>

NOTE: NET APPROPRIATION EQUALS TOTAL APPROPRIATION LESS CAPITAL OUTLAY ITEMS IN BOLD PRINT.  
THE ITEMS IN BOLD ARE FUNDED FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE TRUST ACCOUNT.



# REPORT OF TRUST AND CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS TOWN OF HOLDERNESS, YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2003

## CEMETERY FUNDS:

Beginning Balance	\$11,801.12
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	-
Interest Earned	95.30
Ending Balance	\$11,896.42

## POLICE CRUISER:

Beginning Balance	\$-
Contributions	13,500.00
Withdrawals	-
Interest Earned	46.96
Ending Balance	\$13,546.96

## FIRE TRUCK:

Beginning Balance	\$158,262.58
Contributions	30,000.00
Withdrawals	-
Interest Earned	1,383.10
Ending Balance	\$189,645.68

## WHITE OAK POND FUND:

Beginning Balance	\$2,045.38
Contributions	1,000.00
Withdrawals	-
Interest Earned	20.07
Ending Balance	\$3,065.45

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

Beginning Balance	\$15,983.90
Contributions	5,000.00
Withdrawals	-
Interest Earned	146.58
Ending Balance	\$21,130.48

## TOWN HALL RENOVATIONS:

Beginning Balance	\$7,227.29
Contributions	13,000.00
Withdrawals	12,535.58
Interest Earned	87.24
Ending Balance	\$7,778.95

## ROAD RECONSTRUCTION:

Beginning Balance	\$68,430.20
Contributions	90,000.00
Withdrawals	142,384.98
Interest Earned	594.34
Ending Balance	\$16,639.56

TRANSER STATION:

Beginning Balance	\$29,435.91
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	29,147.46
Interest Earned	108.91
Ending Balance	\$397.36

SEWER CONSTRUCTION:

Beginning Balance	\$7,416.04
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	-
Interest Earned	59.78
Ending Balance	\$7,475.82

RECREATION PATH:

Beginning Balance	\$45,670.83
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	45,954.57
Interest Earned	283.74
Ending Balance	\$0.00

FOREST FIRE EXPENDABLE TRUST:

Beginning Balance	\$10,187.05
Contributions	381.96
Withdrawals	-
Interest Earned	82.49
Ending Balance	\$10,651.50

FLOOD EXPENDABLE TRUST:

Beginning Balance	\$14,361.08
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	-
Interest Earned	116.15
Ending Balance	\$14,477.23

LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT FUND:

Beginning Balance	\$14,217.58
Contributions	5,000.00
Withdrawals	3,863.58
Interest Earned	131.83
Ending Balance	\$15,485.83

SAFETY BUILDING FUND:

Beginning Balance	\$3,873.60
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	-
Interest Earned	31.16
Ending Balance	\$3,904.76

TOWN REVALUATION FUND:

Beginning Balance	\$23,148.14
Contributions	39,000.00
Withdrawals	62,385.78
Interest Earned	237.64
Ending Balance	\$0.00

FIRE EQUIPMENT FUND:	
Beginning Balance	\$10,174.90
Contributions	2,000.00
Withdrawals	6,222.25
Interest Earned	75.78
Ending Balance	\$6,028.43
VILLAGE SIDEWALKS FUND:	
Beginning Balance	\$44,552.10
Contributions	5,000.00
Withdrawals	2,400.00
Interest Earned	365.21
Ending Balance	\$47,517.31
HOLDERNESS HONOR ROLL FUND:	
Beginning Balance	\$5,718.40
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	-
Interest Earned	46.21
Ending Balance	\$5,764.61
PUBLIC WORKS CAP RESERVE:	
Beginning Balance	\$160,022.78
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	93,000.00
Interest Earned	1,219.04
Ending Balance	\$68,241.82
TAX MAP UPDATE FUND:	
Beginning Balance	\$5,525.58
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	5,575.35
Interest Earned	49.77
Ending Balance	\$(0.00)
MASTER PLAN	
Beginning Balance	\$14,278.43
Contributions	5,000.00
Withdrawals	182.50
Interest Earned	132.82
Ending Balance	\$19,228.75
RECREATION PATH MAINTENANCE	
Beginning Balance	\$20,314.91
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	700.00
Interest Earned	164.07
Ending Balance	\$19,778.98



HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL  
SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND:

Beginning Balance	\$35,575.30
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	-
Interest Earned	287.37
Ending Balance	\$35,862.67

HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL  
LAND PURCHASE FUND:

Beginning Balance	\$93,158.06
Contributions	10,000.00
Withdrawals	-
Interest Earned	761.97
Ending Balance	\$103,920.03

PEMI-BAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SPECIAL EDUCATION:

Beginning Balance	\$1,424.32
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	-
Interest Earned	11.94
Ending Balance	\$1,436.26

PEMI-BAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BUILDING FUND:

Beginning Balance	\$1,358.38
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	-
Interest Earned	10.76
Ending Balance	\$1,369.14

PEMI-BAKER SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS  
SPANISH CLUB:

Beginning Balance	\$1,550.13
Contributions	500.00
Withdrawals	200.00
Interest Earned	13.20
Ending Balance	\$1,863.33

FRONCEK SCHOLARSHIP:

Beginning Balance	\$2,578.30
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	-
Interest Earned	20.96
Ending Balance	\$2,599.26

ZOULIAS SCHOLARSHIP:

Beginning Balance	\$33,388.05
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	250.00
Interest Earned	268.28
Ending Balance	\$33,406.33

LAWSON SCHOLARSHIP:	
Beginning Balance	\$9,948.87
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	-
Interest Earned	80.18
Ending Balance	\$10,029.05
PERSON SCHOLARSHIP:	
Beginning Balance	\$20,216.35
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	279.00
Interest Earned	162.57
Ending Balance	\$20,099.92
PAQUETTE SCHOLARSHIP:	
Beginning Balance	\$3,032.20
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	41.00
Interest Earned	24.26
Ending Balance	\$3,015.46
ASH SCHOLARSHIP:	
Beginning Balance	\$3,433.14
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	-
Interest Earned	27.49
Ending Balance	\$3,460.63
DAWSON SCHOLARSHIP:	
Beginning Balance	\$578.19
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	-
Interest Earned	4.18
Ending Balance	\$582.37
MINICKIELLO SCHOLARSHIP:	
Beginning Balance	\$1,245.61
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	-
Interest Earned	9.40
Ending Balance	\$1,255.01
YOUNG SCHOLARSHIP:	
Beginning Balance	\$11,619.13
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	2,500.00
Interest Earned	79.13
Ending Balance	\$9,198.26
BLAKE SCHOLARSHIP:	
Beginning Balance	\$9,333.92
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	250.00
Interest Earned	74.84
Ending Balance	\$9,158.76

VOLPE SCHOLARSHIP:	
Beginning Balance	\$4,234.58
Contributions	3,287.18
Withdrawals	1,800.00
Interest Earned	39.37
Ending Balance	\$5,761.13
EXT. MACHINE CLASS 2002:	
Beginning Balance	\$275.28
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	276.98
Interest Earned	1.70
Ending Balance	\$(0.00)
EXT. MACHINE CLASS 2003:	
Beginning Balance	\$559.05
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	561.42
Interest Earned	2.37
Ending Balance	\$(0.00)
AVERY SCHOLARSHIP PU	
Beginning Balance	\$2,386.43
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	-
Interest Earned	19.17
Ending Balance	\$2,405.60
W. CARLETON ADAMS PR	
Beginning Balance	\$41,578.81
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	2,000.00
Interest Earned	324.13
Ending Balance	\$39,902.94
BURKE SCHOLARSHIP	
Beginning Balance	\$-
Contributions	6,207.33
Withdrawals	-
Interest Earned	17.95
Ending Balance	\$6,225.28
TOTAL TOWN FUNDS	\$482,655.90
TOTAL HOLDERNESS	
CENTRAL SCHOOL FUNDS	139,782.70
TOTAL PEMI-BAKER	
REGIONAL SCHOOL FUNDS	2,805.40
TOTAL PEMI-BAKER SCHOLARSHIPS	148,963.33
GRAND TOTAL	\$774,207.33

Respectfully submitted,  
Trustees of the Trust Funds  
Maurice Lafreniere, Chairman  
Anthony Raymond  
Robert Sargeant



## BIRTHS – 2003

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	PLACE OF BIRTH	FATHER'S NAME	MOTHER'S NAME
January 24	Carly Rae Acton	Lebanon, NH	Nicholas Acton	Bonni Acton
February 22	Marissa Joelle Carter	Plymouth, NH	Eric Carter	Meika Carter
May 8	Connor Joseph Ready	Laconia, NH	Joseph Ready	Arlene Ready
May 18	Samantha Dale Meier	Laconia, NH	Jeffrey Meier	Michele Meier
May 27	Benjamin Scott Bishop	Plymouth, NH	Scott Bishop	Jodi Bishop
July 30	Kayla Marie Burto	Laconia, NH	Shawn Burto	Keri Burto
September 6	Maranda Lee Dicalogero	Plymouth, NH	Edward Dicalogero	Tina Dicalogero
September 26	William Adam Fogarty	Laconia, NH	John Fogarty	Julie Fogarty
October 7	Trevor Douglas Hughes	Laconia, NH	Dennis Hughes	Saralyn Smith
November 20	Braedon Dennis Greene	Laconia	Mark Greene	Kendra Greene
December 8	Sarah Abigail Lacroix	Plymouth, NH	Eric Lacroix	Carrie Lacroix

## MARRIAGES-2003

DATE	Name & Surname of GROOM & BRIDE	RESIDENCE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE
March 15,	Kenneth R. Strong Michelle L. Willoughby	Campton, NH Holderness, NH
March 22,	John E. Chamberlin Patricia A. Newcomb	Holderness, NH Holderness, NH
April 26	Michael W. Tilton Susan K. Warner	Holderness, NH Holderness, NH
May 3	Mark C. Greene Kendra M. Trottier	Holderness, NH Holderness, NH
May 24	Matthew A. White Heather M. Lary	Holderness, NH Holderness, NH
June 14	Mark R. McGee Donna M. Reidy	Holderness, NH Holderness, NH
June 18	Timothy M. Chase Susan M. Kenneally	Holderness, NH Plymouth, NH
June 28	James W. Langill Arcelia A. Vanasse	Holderness, NH Holderness, NH
July 5	Kenneth C. Reeve Lynda A. Harris	Holderness, NH Holderness, NH
July 26	Randall S. Eastman Michelle A. Nash	Holderness, NH Holderness, NH

## MARRIAGES-2003

DATE	NAME & SURNAME OF GROOM & BRIDE	RESIDENCE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE
July 27	Michael D. Morrison Lynn J. Johnson	Woodstock, NH Holderness, NH
September 13	Michael Brown Teresa M. Potter	Holderness, NH Holderness, NH
September 21	Larry M. Hanks Rumyana S. Radzhova	Holderness, NH Holderness, NH
October 19	Peter G. Mayhew Kelley J. Moulton	Laconia, NH Holderness, NH
December 27	William J. Lamson Mary D. Hussey	Holderness, NH Holderness, NH

## DEATHS- 2003

DATE	NAME OF DECEASED	PLACE OF DEATH	FATHER'S NAME	MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME
March 15, 2003	Richard E. Royea	Center Ossipee, NH	Ibra Royea	Agnes Proctor
June 19, 2003	Marlene A. Trewitt	Lebanon, NH	Wallace Bizzozero	Lena Micheli
June 20, 2003	Preston B. Currier	Concord, NH	Preston Currier	Mary Stefan
July 16, 2003	Elizabeth A. Ayers	Plymouth, NH	Joseph Ladeau	Liza Lamarre
October 3, 2003	Abbie L. Brown	Concord, NH	H. Houghton	Irene Orcutt
October 17, 2003	Eugene W. Ross	Holderness, NH	Eugene Ross	Constance Hawes
October 22, 2003	Earle F. Brown	Lebanon, NH	Earl Brown	Eliza Elliott
December 7, 2003	Joseph R. Dwyer	Plymouth, NH	Richard Dwyer	Adele Silvestri



## WEB SITE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Selectmen formed the Web Site Committee in May 2003 for the purpose of creating and maintaining a Holderness Town web site. At that time we contracted with Virtual Town Hall of Portland, Maine to host and assist in the creation of the site.

The Web Site committee members, Peter Webster, Nancy Voorhis, and Alicia Abbott, met weekly throughout the summer researching, planning, and organizing the site. After gathering input and documents from the various departments, transcribing many type-written town documents and using other municipal sites as a guide for what to include, the web site became available to the public on August 15th at **[www.holderness-nh.gov](http://www.holderness-nh.gov)**.

Visitors to the town web site will find information about town departments, boards and committees, (hours, schedules, phone numbers), meeting minutes and agendas (updated weekly), printable forms, town ordinances and other documents. A meeting calendar is also available which presents the times and locations of municipal meetings and a separate community calendar, which lists town activities. Other information is posted at the web site when relevant (tax assessment data was posted at re-assessment time, town meeting information will be posted at town meeting time, master plan update information is currently being posted). The site also includes links to related sites such as area schools and federal and state sites of interest.

The committee continues to update the site on a weekly basis and welcomes comments and suggestions from the community. We hope you will take a few moments to visit **[www.holderness-nh.gov](http://www.holderness-nh.gov)**.

Respectfully submitted,  
Peter Webster  
Nancy Voorhis  
Alicia Abbott  
**[www.holderness-nh.gov](http://www.holderness-nh.gov)**

## WELFARE REPORT FOR 2003

Welfare assistance provided by this office increased by 40% in 2003 over previous expenditures. Primary in this increase was the cost of essential prescription drugs which are not covered under other State and Federal assistance programs. Other traditional welfare expenditures included rental assistance, electricity, fuel assistance, vehicle expenses, and phone costs, as follows:

Rent.....	\$6700
Prescriptions.....	1750
Electric .....	1950
Heat .....	230
Auto .....	410
Phone .....	<u>250</u>
 Total .....	 11,290

Eligibility for assistance is determined by having the client complete an application which outlines essential and allowed expenses compared with actual income received. When expenses exceed income, the applicant household may become eligible for assistance. All of the application process is specified within the Town's Welfare Ordinance.

I have enjoyed working for the Town as your Welfare Director for almost five years, and have decided to resign effective December 31, 2003. Louis Pare has recently been appointed as my replacement.

Sincerely,  
Georgene Fabian

## ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

During 2003 the ZBA heard a total of 9 cases. They were all reviewed taking into account the zoning ordinances, hearing the abutters concerns and taking into the consideration the impact of our decision. Each case was carefully reviewed per the requirements and interpretation of the Town's land use (Zoning) Ordinance. These requirements were weighed with input from, and the concerns of, the applicants and the abutters

	Hearings	Approval	Denial	Withdrawn
Variances	5	3	2	0
Special Exceptions	4	1	2	1

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jack Barbera, Chairman  
Ivan Bass, Vice Chairman  
Gyda Dicosola  
Susan Webster  
Robert Rothschild

Alternate Member  
Harry Decker  
Tim Lyons

# **OFFICERS OF THE HOLDERNESS SCHOOL DISTRICT**

<b>School Board</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Ty Gagne	2004
Shane Sirles	2004
Ed Swanson	2005
Martha Macomber	2003
Shane Sirles	2003

## **CLERK**

Sara Weinberg

## **TREASURER**

Kathleen Whittemore

## **MODERATOR**

Malcolm Taylor

## **AUDITOR**

Grzelak and Associates

## **SUPERINTENDENT**

John W. True, Jr.

## **ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT**

Mark Halloran

## **ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT**

Ethel Gaides



# **HOLDERNESS SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING**

## **MINUTES OF MARCH 19, 2003**

The Annual Holderness School District meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Moderator Malcolm "Tink" Taylor. The Moderator asked Michael Hayes to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Under unanimous consent, Sara Weinberg was appointed to serve as School District Clerk as no candidate filed for the position.

Results of the Holderness and Pemi Baker Cooperative School District election of March 11, 2003 were announced: Martha Macomber received 210 votes; Shane Sirles received 214 votes. Without opposition they were declared winners for the two vacant board seats. The School Board announced the resignation of Joseph Ready, then designated Edward Swanson to fill the vacant position until next year's school election. Swanson was sworn in by the Moderator.

A motion was made by Ross Deachman and seconded by Earl Hansen to waive the reading of the warrant in its entirety and go directly to the first article. Passed

**Article I:** moved by Ross Deachman and seconded by Earl Hansen, The vote was unanimous to accept the reports of all audits, committees, and School District officers.

**Article II:** moved by Earl Hansen and seconded by Ross Deachman. Mike Hayes asked what land the School was looking to purchase. Board member Ty Gagne explained that the money (\$10,000) was being deposited into a Capital Reserve Fund to purchase land abutting the school should it become available. The School Board was asked how much money was in the Capital Reserve Fund for land purchase. Gagne stated that there is \$93,000 in the Capital Reserve Fund. Without further discussion, Article II passed unanimously.

**Article III:** was moved by Earl Hansen and seconded by Ross Deachman. Janet Cocchiario asked why these increases are needed. Board member Shane Sirles answered that these figures reflect pay increases for Support Staff and the rising cost of health insurance. Sirles also explained that Support Staff is offered an option of \$2,000 instead of health insurance. Cocchiario asked how many Support Staff choose the cash option over health insurance. Sirles answered that 6 of the 17 support Staff chose the \$2,000. Without further discussion, Article III passed unanimously.

**Article IV:** moved by Earl Hansen and seconded by Ross Deachman. Steve Huss moved to raise the School's operating budget by \$14,000 increasing the bottom line from \$3,302,520 to \$3,316,520. Huss explained that there is a grant available for a generator for the School. This is a 25% matching grant. The total cost of the generator is \$56,000, the School's portion being \$14,000.

The School Board was asked if this is a grant that should be pursued by the Town instead of the School. Ty Gagne responded by saying that because of the grant deadline, we cannot wait until next year's Town Meeting to appropriate these funds. Gagne also explained

that if the grant is not approved the School Board will return the \$14,000. Richard Miller asked if this appropriation was adding a line item. Gagne responded that this money would be added to the existing budget item line 310. Earl Hansen was recognized and explained that the generator would be useful in emergency situations such as an ice storm. Michael O'Leary asked if the \$56,000 included installation costs. The School Board responded by saying that the installation costs are included in that figure. Fran Taylor mentioned that with a generator children would not need to be sent home from school when the power goes out. Michael O'Leary said that an amp. room may be needed and would add to the cost. Principal Sandra McLaughlin said that the generator would run on diesel fuel, would be outside, and would not require an amp. room. Michael O'Leary asked if a permit was needed. McLaughlin replied that a permit is not needed if the generator is used less than 200 consecutive hours. Ross Deachman stated that the Plymouth Regional High School has a generator and they did not need a permit. Suzanne Peoples questioned the need for another generator in Town, as the Fire Department has one for emergency use. Deputy Fire Chief Earl Hansen replied the Fire Station's generator is only adequate for opening the bay doors and keeping heat and lights on. Gagne added that the Fire Department could not sustain people in an emergency situation, only equipment. Without further comment or discussion, the amendment to Article IV was passed.

Return to the main question, Article IV: Cindy O'Leary motioned to further amend line 79 under Gifted and Talented by \$1,800 to a total of \$3,000 seconded by Earl Hansen. This amendment would now bring the operating budget from \$3,316,520 to \$3,318,320. Cindy O'Leary stated that this would allow the School to offer enrichment programs other than sports. Hansen asked the School Board why this line was decreased. Gagne responded that the School Board is supportive of the Gifted and Talented program. He also stated that with expanded technology and computers in the School and with the small class sizes, the Board is confident that the School meets the needs of all its students. Superintendent John True was recognized and spoke under unanimous consent stating that a line cannot be amended without the approval of the School Board. Without further comment or discussion, the second amendment to Article IV was passed.

Janet Cocchiaro asked if the State School Tax was reflected in this budget. John True responded that it is not. Without further discussion Article IV passed as amended.

**Article V:** was moved by Earl Hansen, seconded by Steve Huss. The School Board was asked what happens if we pass this article. Ty Gagne responded that the Board would send a letter to Washington D.C., The State Legislature, and the Governor. Without further comment Article V passed unanimously.

**Article VI:** Under further business, Ty Gagne explained that Joseph Ready is relocating. He wished Ready well at his new job and thanked him for his contribution to the School Board. Gagne then welcomed Ed Swanson to the Board and thanked Principal Sandra McLaughlin for securing the grant for the generator.

With no further business, a motion was made and carried, to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sara M. Weinberg  
School District Clerk

# STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Holderness qualified to vote in District Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said District on the ninth day of March, 2004 at 8:00 in the morning to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
2. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

Polls will not close before 7:00 p.m.

Given under our hands at said Holderness the 25th day of February, 2004.

Ty H. Gagne  
Edward Swanson  
Martha C. Macomber  
Shane D. Sirles  
James S. Scales, DPM

A true copy of warrant attest:

Ty H. Gagne  
Edward Swanson  
Martha C. Macomber  
Shane D. Sirles  
James S. Scales, DPM



# STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Holderness in the County of Grafton, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote upon District Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Holderness Central School in said District on Wednesday the (17<sup>th</sup>) seventeenth day of March, 2004, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1: To see what action the School District will take relative to the reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers.

Article 2: To see if the School District will vote to establish a capital reserve fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing computers and related equipment and to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in this fund and to see if the School District will vote to designate the School Board as agents to expend from this fund. The School Board recommends this appropriation and the Budget Committee recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Article 3: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) to be placed in the previously established special education capital reserve fund. The School Board recommends this appropriation and the Budget Committee recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Article 4: To see if the District will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Holderness School District and the Holderness Education Association which calls for the following increases in salary and benefits:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>
2004-2005	\$68,791
2005-2006	\$50,142
2006-2007	\$63,530

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty-eight thousand seven hundred ninety-one dollars (\$68,791) for the 2004-2005 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year. The School Board recommends this appropriation and the Budget Committee recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Article 5: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three million four hundred sixty-seven thousand eight hundred forty-four dollars (\$3,467,844) for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials, employees and agents and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District and includes the sums found in Articles 2, 3 and



4. The School Board recommends this appropriation and the Budget Committee recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Article 6: To transact any further business which may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands this 25th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and four.

Ty H. Gagne  
James S. Scales, DPM  
Martha C. Macomber  
Shane D. Sirles  
Edward Swanson  
Holderness School Board

A true copy of warrant attest:

Ty H. Gagne  
James S. Scales, DPM  
Martha C. Macomber  
Shane D. Sirles  
Edward Swanson  
Holderness School Board

Budget	School District of Holderness		FY2004							MS 27
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Acct. No.	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 31:4)	Warr Art. #	Expenditures for Year 7/1/2001 to 6/30/2002	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	SCHOOL BOARD'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR Recommended Not Recommended	SCHOOL BOARD'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR Recommended Not Recommended	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR Recommended Not Recommended			
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INSTRUCTION (1000-1999)			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX		
1100-1199	Regular Programs	3	1,230,098.00	1,301,332.00	1,457,072.00		1,457,072.00			
1200-1299	Special Programs	3	369,881.00	357,046.00	396,348.00		396,348.00			
1300-1399	Vocational Programs									
1400-1499	Other Programs		20,467.00	31,962.00	30,908.00		30,908.00			
1500-1599	Non-Public Programs									
1600-1899	Adult & Community Programs									
SUPPORT SERVICES (2000-2999)			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX		
2000-2199	Student Support Services		196,347.00	208,195.00	220,548.00		220,548.00			
2200-2299	Instructional Staff Services		77,665.00	86,761.00	91,812.00		91,812.00			
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX		
2310-840	School Board Contingency									
2310-2319	Other School Board		24,143.00	19,462.00	19,641.00		19,641.00			
EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX		
2320-310	SAU Management Services		125,466.00	142,833.00	147,672.00		147,672.00			
2320-2329	All Other Executive									
2400-2499	School Administration Service		135,315.00	135,479.00	156,997.00		156,997.00			
2500-2599	Business		860.00	0.00	900.00		900.00			
2600-2699	Operation & Maintenance of Plant	3	186,414.00	190,846.00	219,369.00		219,369.00			
2700-2799	Student Transportation		106,082.00	109,846.00	114,565.00		114,565.00			
2800-2999	Other Support Service									
3000-3999	NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SVC									
4000-4999	FACILITIES ACQUISITIONS & CONSTRUCTION		0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00			
OTHER OUTLAYS (5000-5999)			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX		
5110	Debt Service - Principal		230,000.00	230,000.00	230,000.00		230,000.00			
5120	Debt Service - Interest		91,295.00	75,335.00	59,145.00		59,145.00			
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FUND TRANSFERS			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
5220-5221	To Food Service		124,813.00	118,533.00	127,543.00		127,543.00	
5222-5229	To Other Special Revenue		30,736.00	5,400.00	20,000.00		20,000.00	
5230-5239	To Capital Projects							
5251	To Capital Reserves	2	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00		10,000.00	
5252	To Expendable Trust ("see pg.3)							
5253	To Non-Expendable Trusts							
5254	To Agency Funds							
5300-5399	Intergovernmental Agency Alloc.							
	SUPPLEMENTAL							
	DEFICIT							
	SUBTOTAL 1		2,959,582.00	3,023,030.00	3,302,520.00		3,302,520.00	
PLEASE PROVIDE FURTHER DETAIL:								
* Amount of line 5252 which is for Health Maintenance Trust \$ (see RSA 198:20-c,V)								
Help! We ask your assistance in the following: if you have a line item of appropriations from more than one warrant article, use the space below to identify the make-up of the line total for the ensuing year.								
	Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount	Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount		

Budget	School District of Holderness	FY2004								MS 27
Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3, VI, as appropriations 1) Petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriations to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as as capital reserve funds or trust funds; 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		
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Acct. No.	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 31:4)	Warr Art. #	Expenditures for Year 7/1/2001 to 6/30/2002	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	SCHOOL BOARD'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR Recommended	SCHOOL BOARD'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR Not Recommended	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR Recommended	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR Not Recommended		
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	Capital Reserve Fund for Land Purch	2			10,000.00		10,000.00			
SUBTOTAL 2 RECOMMENDED			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	10,000.00	XXXXXXXXXXXX	10,000.00	XXXXXXXXXXXX		
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"Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles". Examples of individual warrant articles might be negotiated cost items for labor agreements or items of a one time nature you wish to address individually.										
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Acct. No.	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 31:4)	Warr Art. #	Expenditures for Year 7/1/2001 to 6/30/2002	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	SCHOOL BOARD'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR Recommended	SCHOOL BOARD'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR Not Recommended	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR Recommended	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR Not Recommended		
=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=		
	Support Staff Raises	3			27,568.00		27,568.00			
SUBTOTAL 3 RECOMMENDED			XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	27,568.00	XXXXXXXXXXXX	27,568.00	XXXXXXXXXXXX		



Budget	School District of Holderness		FY2004			MS27
1	2		3	4	5	6
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Acct. No.	SOURCE OF REVENUE		Warr Art. #	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Revised Revenue Current Year	ESTIMATED REVENUE For Ensuing Fiscal Year
=	=	=	=	=	=	=
<b>REVENUE FROM LOCAL SOURCES</b>				XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
1300-1349	Tuition					
1400-1449	Transportation Fees					
1500-1599	Earnings on Investments			1,800.00	500.00	500.00
1600-1699	Food Service Sales					
1700-1799	Student Activities					
1800-1899	Community Services Activities					
1900-1999	Other Local Sources (WC/ UEDividends, OT Reim)			81,717.00	12,400.00	3,000.00
<b>REVENUE FROM STATE SOURCES</b>				XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
3110	Foundation Aid					
3120	Shared Revenue					
3210	School Building Aid			72,900.00	72,900.00	72,900.00
3220	Kindergarten Aid					
3230	Catastrophic Aid			0.00	4,162.00	0.00
3240-3249	Vocational Aid					
3250	Adult Education					
3260	Child Nutrition					
3270	Driver Education					
3290-3299	Other State Sources					
<b>REVENUE FROM FEDERAL SOURCES</b>				XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
4100-4539	Federal Program Grants			3,400.00	0.00	0.00
4540	Vocational Education					
4550	Adult Education					
4560	Child Nutrition			79,443.00	87,533.00	93,000.00
4570	Disabilities Programs					
4580	Medicaid Distribution			4,000.00	4,000.00	2,000.00
4590-4999	Other Federal Sources (except 4810)			2,000.00	5,400.00	20,000.00
4810	Federal Forest Reserve					
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>						
5110-5139	Sale of Bonds or Notes					
5221	Transfer from Food Service Special Rev Fund					
5222	Transfer from Other Special Revenue Funds					

Budget	School District of Holderness	-	FY2004			MS27
1	2		3	4	5	6
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Acct. No.	SOURCE OF REVENUE		Warr Art. #	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Revised Revenue Current Year	ESTIMATED REVENUE For Ensuing Fiscal Year
=	=	=	=	=	=	=
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (Cont'd)						
5230	Transfer from Capital Project Funds					
5251	Transfer from Capital Reserve Funds					
5252	Transfer from Expendable Trust Funds					
5253	Tranr from Non-Expendable Trust Funds					
5300-5699	Other Financing Sources					
	Unreserved Fund Balance			9,360.00	870.00	0.00
5140	THIS SECTION FOR CALCULA- TION OF RAN's					
	(REIMBURSEMENT ANTICIPA- TION NOTES)					
	PER RSA 198:20-D FOR CATASTROPHIC					
	AID BORROWING					
	RAN, Revenue This FY less					
	RAN, Revenue Last FY					
	= NET RAN					
	Supplemental Appropriation (Contra)					
	Voted from Fund Balance					
	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes					
TOTAL ESTIMATED REV- ENUE & CREDITS			0.00	254,620.00	187,765.00	191,400.00
<b>** BUDGET SUMMARY **</b>						
					SCHOOL BOARD'S RECOMMEND- ED BUDGET	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET
SUBTOTAL 1 Appropria- tions Recommended (from page 2)					3,302,520.00	3,302,520.00
SUBTOTAL 2 Special War- rant Articles Recommended (from page 3)					included in subtotal 1	included in subtotal 1
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recom- mended (from page 3)					included in subtotal 1	included in subtotal 1
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended					3,302,520.00	3,302,520.00
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)					191,400.00	191,400.00
Less: Amount of Adequate Education (State Tax/ Grant)*					0.00	0.00
Estimated Amount of Taxes To Be Raised for School District Assessment					3,111,120.00	3,111,120.00

# **HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL**

## **PRINCIPAL'S ANNUAL REPORT**

This was a positive, growth-filled year. We continue to work on improving our math and reading curriculums during staff meetings and on our half days. These were the target areas which came out of our Best Schools work. In response to weak scores we implemented a new spelling program and have placed greater emphasis on mastering math facts. National and State testing results this year show our students perform well above average in almost all areas and have demonstrated great improvement in our weaker skill areas of spelling and math computation across all levels. State testing showed positive steady growth between 3rd and 6th grade. We have developed new report cards to better communicate skill progress to parents.

Our staff works hard daily to meet all students' needs. This year we were very pleased to hire and welcome ten new faces. Eight new staff replaced people who retired or moved. Tom Davis joined us as head custodian, Nada Call as administrative assistant, Dave Carlyle as part-time School Psychologist, Trish Driscoll as a Special Education aide, Tristan Blake as a one-year replacement in 7-8 Language Arts, Becky Wark as Grade 5 teacher, Don Molinari as Grade 4 teacher, and Beth Allain as our Grade 3 teacher. Diane Anderson was hired as a new part-time Middle School Computer teacher and Rob Coonan was hired via a one-year grant as a math aide.

We are extremely proud of Melody Funk who was named New Hampshire Elementary Art Teacher of the Year, and of Sally Grand who was nominated for Parent Volunteer of the Year. Ron Reynolds was also nominated for an award for his work with students and aviation. I am very proud to also announce that Holderness Central School was named a Blue Ribbon School for the quality of our parent volunteer program and the quantity of hours this community donates to this school. This honors the whole community for being so involved and caring. Thank you to all our incredible volunteers. We are so appreciative of all you contribute!

We continue to work with our wonderful Police and Fire Departments to upgrade our safety procedures and to work with our students to educate them and give them tools to keep them safe.

This year we began our S.T.A.R.S. program (Students Teaching and Reaching Students) which creates connections between older and younger students. We have also incorporated service learning into the middle school to teach the values and responsibilities of being a positive community member. Students have planned and implemented a number of projects to better this school and reach out to the community.

The majority of our students participate in extra-curricular activities. Our soccer team was undefeated, and our field hockey team only suffered two losses this fall. Basketball is also off to a very strong start. For the first time we will have Destination

Imagination Teams at the primary and middle levels. This after-school program teaches cooperative, critical thinking skills. Students creatively come up with solutions to

posed tasks and then present their solutions dramatically in front of judges at a regional competition.

In closing, we are very proud of our great students and this supportive community. We are constantly working at improving what we do for kids and welcome and need your feedback and suggestions at any time.

Thank you for making this a wonderful place to be. I am honored to serve this community, board, staff, and especially – these students.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandra McLaughlin



# **HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL**

## **SCHOOL NURSE'S ANNUAL REPORT 2002-2003**

The following is the 2002-2003 report on health services as provided by the school nurse. The main objective is to maintain the general health of all students. This is accomplished by early identification of health problems, health education, and with the use of first aid.

Plymouth Pediatrics conducted health physicals on twenty-eight students from grades 5 and 7 and on new students in grades 6 and 8.

A Flu vaccine clinic was offered to the Holderness Central School community in late October, with 40 faculty, staff and parents taking advantage of this program.

All Holderness Central School students were in compliance with the state immunization laws. New school requirements for immunizations were introduced in January 2003. One dose of varicella vaccine on or after the first birthday for entrance to kindergarten or first grade (if K not provided) and entrance to sixth grade. All of the other immunization requirements remain the same. A report was sent to the New Hampshire Division of Public Health, which indicated that all new and transferred students were in compliance with all immunization requirements.

The Speare Memorial Hospital school dental program was again offered to all students. Mrs. Barbara Laverack, registered dental hygienist, provided oral examinations and dental cleanings along with classroom instruction. The total student body participated in the school-wide screening. Of the 229 students screened, 187 students had no evidence of decay. The weekly fluoride rinse program was offered to 120 students in grades 1-5. Seventy-two students participated in this program.

The annual mumps, measles, and rubella immunization clinic was held in April 2003. The Pemi-Baker Health Agency and Mrs. Phyllis Chase immunized 14 sixth grade students with the MMR vaccine.

Preschool screening was provided for 13 new incoming kindergarten students.

High school sport physical exams were given to eighth grade students in June.

Heights, weights, screening tests for hearing, vision, scoliosis and blood pressures as well as head lice checks are done throughout the school year with referrals sent home as necessary. As the school nurse, I continue to be available as a resource person to students, parents, and teachers. I wish to thank all school personnel, parents, and volunteers for their support and cooperation in carrying out our health programs.

Respectfully submitted,  
Phyllis Chase, RN

# **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

## **2003-2004**

It is with pleasure that I write this report regarding some of SAU #48's efforts during the past year. First I would like to welcome Ethel Gaides as the new assistant superintendent for curriculum, instruction and assessment. Ethel has been working extremely hard with all of our schools holding curriculum workshops. All schools have been involved and are working collaboratively to update and modify curriculum so that it is consistent with the state frameworks and grade level equivalents. Hopefully this will result in strong test scores on the New Hampshire Educational Improvement and Assessment Program. This will go a long ways in meeting the challenges of "No Child Left Behind."

This SAU effort to ensure that all eighth grade students, regardless of school, enter the ninth grade with the same background has become crucial to our success at meeting national and state requirements.

I would also like to welcome Sue Amburg as our grants writer/administrator. Sue has been successful in obtaining grants for a number of our schools. One highlight is the Thornton Central School which was awarded a grant that gave all 7<sup>th</sup> graders laptop computers to use at school. Governor Benson presented the computers to the students in January. Additionally, she is pursuing corporation, foundation, and private grants as well as federal/state grants. As more money is directed to schools through grants, the ability to understand and write grants is vital.

We are pleased to have Dick Petrin with us as our accountant. This position does much to ensure the integrity and accuracy of the budgeting and accounting systems for all of our districts.

A major goal of the districts in SAU #48 (Campton, Ellsworth, Holderness, Plymouth, Rumney, Thornton Waterville Valley, Wentworth and Pemi-Baker Regional which include the towns of Ashland, Campton, Holderness, Plymouth, Rumney, Thornton and Wentworth) has been to improve the transition and success of our 9<sup>th</sup> grade students from their respective elementary/middle schools to our high school. Our principals and teachers are working hard to coordinate and implement consistent expectations in grading, homework, school attendance, discipline, and curriculum. Additionally, Freshmen at the high school will have teachers assigned to groups of students to improve communication with students and parents and to assist in developing connections between students and teachers.

Technology continues to be a rapidly changing, but necessary skill and knowledge base for our students. All of our schools have technology plans and are striving for continuous improvement.

Much appreciation is expressed to our parents, community, and board members. Each of you has provided constructive feedback and visible support which makes SAU #48 such a rewarding place to work, but more importantly a great place for students to live and learn.

John W. True, Jr.  
Superintendent

# **HOLDERNESS SCHOOL DISTRICT** **SPECIAL EDUCATION** **ACTUAL EXPENDITURES REPORT** **PER RSA 32:11-A**

	Fiscal Year 2001/2002	Fiscal Yea 2002/2003
Expenditures	\$522,072	\$504,402
Revenues	\$136,519	\$155,776
Net Expenditures	\$385,553	\$338,626
\$ increase/decrease		- \$46,927
% increase/decrease		- 12.17%



## EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR REPORT - 2003

It is a pleasure to report to you now in my 25th year of serving the 98 towns, 4 cities and Coos, Carroll, Grafton, Sullivan and Belknap counties of New Hampshire. All together there are 249, 000 people who I consider my customers, clients and constituents. It has always been a pleasure to respond, as my duties within the Executive Branch of your state government mandate, to inquiries for information, relief and assistance as provided in NH state law and budget. It is an honor to serve you as a public servant.

Below are listed several documents that are available to citizens and I find them to be a valuable NH resource.

The 2003-2004 state telephone directory of state departments and personnel. This 180 page directory includes TDD access numbers, office information, coordinators, map of location of state buildings, legislative listings, judicial branch listings, department listings, personnel listing and a topical listing. This is available for a cost of \$6.00 plus \$2.50 postage. Make checks payable to the State of New Hampshire, or order on line at

[www.gencourt.state.nh.us/visitorcenter](http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/visitorcenter). The entire directory is available at <http://www.state.nh.us/government/agencies.html>

The 2003-04 NH County Directory of all NH County officials is free and available by calling (603) 224-9222. This is also on the web at [www.nhcounties.org](http://www.nhcounties.org)

Also available at no cost from the Secretary of State Office at 271-3242 or at [elections@sos.state.nh.us](mailto:elections@sos.state.nh.us), or mail at Secretary of State, State House Room 204, Concord, NH 03301 are the following publications:

The NH Election Procedural Manual for 2004-2005

The NH Election Laws for 2004-2005

The NH Political calendar for 2004-2005

The duties of the NH Executive Council, The NH Tour Guide book, the official tourist map and the NH Constitution are always available from my office at 271-3632 or 747-3662 or [ray.burton4@gte.net](mailto:ray.burton4@gte.net)

As long as I'm around as one of your elected officials never ever feel you are alone in your hour of need. Contact me anytime!

Sincerely Yours,  
Raymond S. Burton  
Executive Councilor



# **GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC.**

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. is a private nonprofit organization that provides programs and services to support the health and well being of our older citizens. The Council's programs enable elderly individuals to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

The Council operates eight senior centers in Plymouth, Littleton, Canaan, Lebanon, Bristol, Orford, Haverhill and Lincoln, the information and assistance program Grafton County ServiceLink and also sponsors the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of the Upper Valley and White Mountains (RSVP). Through the centers, ServiceLink and RSVP, older adults and their families take part in a range of community-based long-term services including home delivered meals, congregate dining programs, transportation, adult day care, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs, and volunteer opportunities.

During 2003, 47 older residents of Holderness were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Plymouth Regional Senior Center:

- Older adults from Holderness enjoyed 830 balanced meals in the company of friends in the Plymouth center's dining room.
- They received 667 hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers.
- Holderness residents were transported to health care providers or other community resources on 614 occasions by our lift-equipped buses.
- They received assistance with problems, crises or issues of long-term care through 23 visits by a trained social worker.
- Holderness's citizens also volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 1,174 hours of volunteer service.

The cost to provide Council services for Holderness residents in 2003 was \$16,179.91.

Such services can be critical to elderly individuals who want to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care in spite of chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty, saving tax dollars which would otherwise be expended for nursing home care. They also contribute to a higher quality of life for our older friends and neighbors. As our population grows older, supportive services such as those offered by the Council become even more critical.

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council very much appreciates Holderness's support for our programs that enhance the independence and dignity of older citizens and enable them to meet the challenges of aging in the security and comfort of their own communities and homes.

Roberta Berner  
Executive Director

## **2003 HOLDERNESS HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT**

Work continues on improvement to the Historical Society building. The year 2003 saw many accomplishments, including the attic area being finished off. An office area has been installed with all electric and telephone wiring completed. Overhead lights in the office area, the general attic area and the stairway leading to attic are now functioning.

The stairway from the main floor to the attic has been updated with proper treads and a railing on both sides. An outdoor light has been installed to illuminate the American Flag in front of the building as well as a step light to illuminate the granite steps leading down from the front of the Historical Society building.

Our curators have continued to take many courses and attend seminars provided by various New Hampshire State Universities and State historical and preservation offices. The Society's curators have continued archiving the great accumulation of historical data that has been donated to us, as well as setting up many beautiful displays in our museum area.

Our membership is still strong. We continue to receive support from many individuals. The Board of Directors is very appreciative of this help.

Respectfully submitted,  
Harry Maybeck  
President, 2003

# **Vachon, Clukay & Co., PC**

## **Certified Public Accountants**

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February 4, 2004

To the Board of Selectmen

Town of Holderness, New Hampshire

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Holderness, New Hampshire, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2003, and have issued our report thereon dated February 4, 2004.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement

The management of the Town of Holderness, New Hampshire is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control structure policies and procedures. The objectives of an internal control structure are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of general purpose financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Because of inherent limitations in any internal control structure, errors or irregularities may nevertheless occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of the structure to future periods is subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of the design and operation of policies and procedures may deteriorate.

In planning and performing our audit of the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Holderness, New Hampshire for the year ended December 31, 2003, we obtained an understanding of the internal control structure. With respect to the internal control structure, we obtained an understanding of the design of relevant policies and



procedures and whether they have been placed in operation, and we assessed control risk in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the general purpose financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control structure. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors and irregularities in amounts that would be material in relation to the general purpose financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control structure and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

This report is intended for the information of management and the Board of Selectmen. However, this report is a matter of public record, and its distribution is not limited.

Vachon, Clukay & Co., PC



# BALANCE SHEET

## DECEMBER 31, 2003

### Assets

Cash	\$2,643,245
Taxes receivable, net	304,766
Tax liens receivable, net	94,421
Accounts receivable	1,544
Deferred charges	1,357
Tax deeded property	1,924
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Total assets	\$3,047,257
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*Nicholas De Ruvo*  
*Bookkeeper*

### Liabilities and Fund Balance

Liabilities:	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$44,050
Due to Holderness School District	1,437,920
Due to Pemi-Baker Regional School District	760,432
Due to State of New Hampshire - education tax	220,075
Deferred revenue	1,714
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Total liabilities	2,464,191
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Fund Balance:	
Reserved for conservation	1,419
Reserved for sewer	3,186
Unreserved:	
Designated for Library	\$12,000
Less: available in capital reserve fund	(8,136)
Undesignated	574,597
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Total fund balance	583,066
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Total liabilities and fund balance	\$3,047,257
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## **INTER-LAKES DAY CARE CENTER & NURSERY SCHOOL**

On behalf of Inter-Lakes Day Care Center and Nursery School and those we serve, I would like to offer a sincere thank you to the Town of Holderness for its continued support. We greatly appreciate the solid support for our families and the community. Inter-Lakes Day Care Center and Nursery School is open on a year-round basis in two sites from 6:30 am to 5:30 pm, making it possible for parents to maintain employment. Governed by a volunteer Board of Directors, the Center operates comprehensive, developmentally appropriate infant, toddler, preschool, and school age extended-day programs with a full range of services including full and part time child care, morning preschool programs, summer and vacation day camp programs, and USDA approved hot meals and snacks. Guided by a professional staff, the children receive an educational program along with the services of health care, special needs, vision and hearing screening, dental care, and transportation for kindergarten. Through the State of New Hampshire under the Title XX Child Care Scholarship Program, sliding fee scale tuition based on family size and income is available for purposes of employment, training, and pursuit of degree or certificate programs, job search and temporary disability. Additional services include sponsorship of the Inter-Lakes Family Daycare Nutrition Program, a group of 27 licensed home daycare providers who receive federal reimbursement from USDA, by serving approved meals and snacks while providing care for children of working parents.

Respectfully submitted,  
Connie Pelletier  
Executive Director

## **LAKES REGION COMMUNITY SERVICES COUNCIL**

Dedicated to serving the community by promoting independence, dignity and opportunity.

Lakes Region Community Services Council provides support and services to families with children and adults who have developmental disabilities and live in Holderness and the surrounding communities. Some of the supports we provide to people with disabilities includes: support to families, respite, help to find jobs, help with keeping employed, involvement with community activities, assistance with personal care needs and transportation.

The funds received from your town continue to be used to support the recreation coordinator's position. She has been working with recreation departments and community members in several towns organizing or assisting in events that create opportunities for all to participate.

We would like to thank the citizens of Holderness for your on-going and future support of making recreation opportunities available in your community.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Richard Crocker  
Executive Director

# LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

## 2002 -- 2003

The Lakes Region has changed tremendously in the past 20 years. Homes and businesses have expanded along major roadways, and many of our communities have experienced dramatic change. This growth has resulted in a number of regional challenges. The Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) is the area organization established to address the effects of growth at both the local and regional level. With a service area covering over 1,200 square miles in Belknap, Carroll, Grafton and Merrimack Counties, the LRPC provides a wide range of planning services to member municipalities. The Commission offers diverse direct and support services ranging from technical assistance, geographic information systems, and transportation planning, to land use and environmental planning, and economic development. The LRPC is primarily funded from local, state, and federal resources. We are contacted several times daily for answers to local issues. We also maintain a regular dialogue with state agencies as a resource for the entire Lakes Region. Our goal remains to provide support and leadership to the governments, businesses and citizens of the Lakes Region.

Here are some of our services performed on behalf of Holderness and the region in the past fiscal year:

- Assisted a local resident relative to noise emanating from a proposed sand and gravel business.
- Created a CD of the 1994 Holderness Master Plan from older digital files.
- Contacted the Wetlands Bureau of DES and provided a member of the Conservation Commission with an answer as to whether it is legal for water to be withdrawn from wetlands.
- Submitted to planning board four examples of steep slope ordinances, as requested.
- Met with members of the planning board to discuss an update of the local master plan.
- Ordered for the Holderness Planning Board seventeen copies of the 2003-2004 N.H. Planning and Land Use Regulation Books and two CD/Publications at considerable savings.
- Co-hosted and organized three public Municipal Law Lectures where practicing attorneys provide a legal perspective on local planning, zoning and other municipal issues. Recent lectures included: Growth Management and Smart Growth, Effective Enforcement of Local Land Use Decisions and Regulations, and Nonconforming Uses and Vested Rights. We also prepared for the 2003 Law Lectures, in partnership with the NH Municipal Association.
- Completed and distributed the Lakes Region Demographic Profile; a comprehensive compilation of key socioeconomic indicators from the US Census, and other data sources.
- Convened several meetings of the LRPC Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to enhance local involvement in transportation planning and



project development. The TAC usually advises the LRPC on projects are of regional significance.

- Initiated the start of the Lakes Region Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. This planning effort will help provide a blueprint for the location of local bike and pedestrian routes.
- Hosted a National flood Insurance Program Workshop for Local Officials that provided an overview of the National Flood Insurance Program and training for local officials.
- With assistance from the Community Development Finance Authority (CDFA) SEED Capacity Grant, LRPC completed a number of work products including the Demographic Profile, coordination with area economic development organizations and Main Street communities, and the computerization of town-level economic development data.
- Reviewed project proposals through the NH Intergovernmental Review Agreement that provides the region and local communities an opportunity to respond to applications seeking state and federal aid. LRPC reviewed many proposals having a combined investment total greater than \$16 million in the Lakes Region.
- Conducted over 160 traffic counts and several road inventories around the region, in cooperation with the NH Department of Transportation.
- Continued technical support to the Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee, in cooperation with the NH Department of Environmental Services.
- Convened four area Commission meetings that featured Natural Resources Planning: a Lakes Region perspective. The presentations were followed by facilitated discussions that identified issues and innovative natural resource initiatives.
- Planned the 18th annual household hazardous waste collection in the Lakes Region. In FY-04, two consecutive Saturdays were designated as collection days for the 24 participating communities. An estimated 20,000 total gallons of waste were collected, containerized, and transported to EPA approved end-of-life locations around the country.
- Updated the annual Development Trends in the Lakes Region, a survey of subdivision, housing construction, industrial, and commercial development.
- In consultation with the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), LRPC prepared, adopted, and submitted to the NH DOT the latest regional recommendations for Transportation Enhancement Funding.
- Represented the region on several committees including: the NH Transportation Enhancement Advisory Committee, the Statewide steering committee to update the NH Airport System Plan, the Belknap County Economic Development Council, the Northern Rail Task Force, among others.
- LRPC also continues to assist start-up efforts of the recently opened Lakes Region Household Hazardous Product Facility.
- Secured funding from the NH Emergency Management Bureau to assist local communities with the preparation of all hazard management plans.

## MEMORIAL DAY 2003

Memorial Day is marked as an important day  
to give thanks to those who stood up in their day.

The men and women, who have served our great land,  
deserve to be recognized.  
Thanks for standing up and giving a hand.

The parade was a big success, because of you.  
Thanks for standing up for the Red, White & Blue.

Thanks to a strong community spirit, those who gave so much for this country were well remembered Memorial Day 2003.

Three dozen flags were donated by the Dupuis-Cross American Legion Post #15 of Ashland and were placed on local Veteran's graves in eight cementaries around town. The legion also participated in the parade, performing a ceremony at Bridge Cemetery in the center of town and on the bridge over the channel. The parade was led by Marshal Lyle Thompson. Bands from the Holderness Central School and Baker River Valley Band provided music. The parade had patriotic floats, bikes, walkers, fire trucks and antique cars.

The Holderness Fire & Police Departments were very helpful.

Despite the rain, attendance was wonderful thanks to all those who helped, participated and all those who came to watch and remember this very important day.

Edward R. Ford & Margaret Winton  
co-chairmen

# **PEMI-BAKER HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE HOLDERNESS TOWN REPORT - 2003**

Representative: Bonnie Webb

Alternate: Betty Nicholson

Pemi-Baker Home Health & Hospice provides your community with a multitude of services and programs. Some of the new initiatives during the past year have been.:

- Participation in the Home Visiting NH program called “Healthy Mom, Happy Baby”, a collaborative effort with Speare Memorial Hospital
- Providing RN consultation to the Plymouth Senior Center’s Adult Day Program
- A series of four programs for caregivers, in collaboration with ServiceLink of Southern Grafton County
- Foot Care Clinic at the Plymouth Regional Senior Center
- Advance Care Planning, Wound Care and Pediatric Homecare Trained staff

Pemi-Baker Home Health & Hospice participates with Speare Memorial Hospital to present monthly community health forums as part of their Health & Wellness Series.

One of our most notable accomplishments over the past twelve months has been the success of our bi-monthly community education television series on Cable access 3 “Your Health Matters”. We present current and relevant health topics such as Coping with Caregiver Stress and Over the Counter Medications for the Elderly.

We are proud to announce that Pemi-Baker Home Health & Hospice was asked to participate in a PBS documentary being filmed by Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center regarding Hospice Care at home.

Over the past year, agencies across the nation have continued to deal with financial issues that affect their ability to provide adequate services to their patients. In addition to a 10 percent payment cut for rural agencies, here was an additional 15 percent reduction in Medicare payment rates. Current Medicaid rates do not cover the cost to deliver services, paying in some cases, only 30 to 50 cents on the dollar for services rendered. The workforce shortage, rising insurance premiums, inflexible and burdensome regulatory systems, declining charitable giving and an ever-increasing elderly and frail population all contribute to operational hardships and strain service provider resources. For these very reasons, you can be assured your town dollars are helping to support programs and services in your community.

We are your local homecare agency. . . ask for us by name.

Bonnie Webb and Betty Nicholson for  
Pemi-Baker Home Health & Hospice



## PRIVATE WELL USERS

Have you had your well tested recently?

Drinking water from private wells in New Hampshire sometimes contains contaminants at levels that can pose health risks. Only a water quality test, by a competent laboratory, can assure that your family is protected. A list of New Hampshire Accredited private and municipal Laboratories offering private water testing and interpretation is at [www.des.nh.gov/pdf/labs\\_welltesting.pdf](http://www.des.nh.gov/pdf/labs_welltesting.pdf).

What types of contaminants might be present in your well? The following contaminants, some naturally-occurring and others man-made, have been found in private well water in New Hampshire: Arsenic, Bacteria, Fluoride, Nitrate, Radium, Radon, Sodium, Uranium, and Volatile Organic Chemicals (VOCs).

Where can you learn more about this?

For further information, please visit the NN Department of Environmental Services' website at [www.des.state.nh.us/wseb](http://www.des.state.nh.us/wseb), then select "fact sheets," then 2-1.



# SQUAM LAKES ASSOCIATION

## 2003 ANNUAL REPORT

*The Squam Lakes Association (SLA) is dedicated to conserving for the public benefit the natural beauty, peaceful character, and unique resource values of the lakes and surrounding area. In cooperation with local and state authorities and other conservation organizations, the Association promotes the protection, careful use, and shared enjoyment of the lakes, mountains, forests, open spaces, and wildlife of the Squam Lakes region. Since 1904, the Association has focused in three primary areas to fulfill our mission: conservation, education, and outreach.*

**Conservation:** The SLA, aided by numerous volunteers, has collected over twenty-five years of water quality data in collaboration with the University of New Hampshire's Lay Lake Monitoring Program. In addition, the tributaries around the watershed are being monitored on a monthly basis to examine phosphorus loading into the lakes and implement Best Management Practices where necessary. In 2002, the first year of a baseline bio-inventory project was completed. The data collected will be used to enhance the monitoring of watershed health and inform decision makers who actively support legislation that will conserve and protect the Squam Lakes Watershed.

A growing concern for the watershed is the invasive plant, variable milfoil that has been found in both of the lakes and the channel. Non-native invaders, such as milfoil, disrupt the food chain, stunt fish growth, and degrade wildlife habitat and water quality. In areas that are completely overtaken by variable milfoil, fishing, swimming, and boating are virtually impossible. A decline in property values is another consequence of invasive species infestations. Once milfoil is found in a lake, with no known method of eradication, the only option is to manage the plant through various techniques. Our main management techniques are handpicking, laying bottom barrier netting, surveying, and herbicide applications. In the past 18 months, there have been over 1598 man-hours devoted to milfoil management by SLA staff, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, private consultants, and local residents. The SLA has spent over \$40,000 on milfoil management and will continue to allocate funds for this purpose in the coming years. We are looking for volunteers to help monitor the 65 miles of shoreline surrounding the lakes. If you would like to sign up for this vital program, please contact the Squam Lakes Association at 968-7336.

**Education:** The SLA offers a summer youth program in July and August. There are two different programs that introduce children to the unique resources of the Squam Lakes Region. The Junior Squam Lakes Association Program seeks to develop the next generation of environmental stewards through outdoor activities including hiking, canoeing, kayaking, and camping. The other program is our award winning Community Youth Sailing Program that introduces children to the techniques of sailing using Optimist and Club Junior class sailboats. For each of these programs there are scholarships offered to students residing in the five watershed towns. These scholarships are provided to children exemplifying qualities of good citizenship or humanitarianism. The Squam Lakes Association also offers American Canoe Association certified kayak instruction,

educates and promotes safe boating, and works with local schools to educate students about the watershed.

***Outreach:*** To enhance public access to the Squam Lakes and promote low-impact recreational use, the SLA rents canoes, kayaks, and sailboats. We also manage fourteen backcountry campsites on Moon Island, Bowman Island, Chamberlain-Reynolds Memorial Forest, and Mead Base. SLA provides low-impact public boat access at the SLA Headquarters and at Belknap Woods. The SLA also manages and protects properties available for public recreation in the Squam Lakes area and maintains over 50 miles of hiking trails in the Squam Range, Rattlesnakes, Red Hill, and the Sandwich Range.

SLA also produces numerous publications including our Loon Flyer, The Squam Lakes Water Trail Guide, and The Squam Trail Guide. Our website, [www.squamlakes.org](http://www.squamlakes.org), provides detailed information about our events such as Winterfest, Hike for the Trails, Bike Around the Lake, Pancake Breakfast, Sail Around the Lake, and our Annual Meeting.

# TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER REPORT

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands cooperate to reduce the risk of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Fire permits are mandatory for all outside burning unless the ground where the burning is to be done (and surrounding area) is completely covered with snow. Violations of the fire permit law and the burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail, in addition to the cost of suppressing the fire.

A new law effective January 1, 2003 prohibits residential trash burning. Contact the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services at (800)498-6868 or [www.des.state.nh.us](http://www.des.state.nh.us) for more information

Help us to protect you and our forest resources. Most New Hampshire wildfires are human caused. Homeowners can help protect their homes by maintaining adequate green space around the house and making sure that the house number is correct and visible. Contact your Fire Department or the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands at [www.hndfl.org](http://www.hndfl.org) or 271-2217 for wildland safety information.

## 2003 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported thru November 03,2003)

### TOTALS BY COUNTY

	# of Fires	Acres
Belknap .....	40	4.86
Carroll .....	46	13.99
Cheshire .....	8	.68
Coos .....	7	17.40
Grafton .....	22	12.60
Hillsborough .....	60	11.34
Merrimack .....	98	10.45
Rockingham .....	56	18.54
Strafford .....	34	7.94
Sullivan .....	3	2.03

### CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Cause	# of Fires
Arson.....	10
Campfire .....	25
Children .....	13
Smoking.....	20
Debris .....	226
Railroad .....	3
Lightning .....	2
Equipment.....	8
Misc. ....	67

### Total Fires    Total Acres

2003.....	374	100
2002.....	540	187
2001.....	942	428
2000.....	516	149

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# 2003 REPORT OF UNH COOPERATIVE EXTENSION - GRAFTON COUNTY OFFICE

UNH Cooperative Extension provides New Hampshire citizens with research-based education and information, enhancing their ability to make informed decisions that strengthen youth, families and communities, sustain natural resources, and improve the economy.

Funded through the federal, state and county governments, and competitive grants. Educational programs are designed to respond to the local needs of citizens through direction and support of an elected volunteer advisory council.

Education programs and assistance are objective, informal and practical in nature; most are at no direct cost for participants. Clients' needs are met through phone calls, letters and printed materials, hands-on workshops, on-site visits, seminars and conferences, and up-to-date web sites. Our staff is able to respond quickly with needed information via electronic mail, keeps up-to-date on the latest research and information, and works collaboratively with many agencies and organizations.

A professional staff of seven educators works out of the Extension Office located in the Grafton County Courthouse in North Haverhill. Two additional staff members work in Plymouth and Littleton to provide educational programs for limited-resource families. Additional support is provided through trained volunteers who assist with Extension programs and increase our outreach capabilities.

## **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS IN GRAFTON COUNTY, FY03:**

- To strengthen NH's Communities: Community Profiles; Community Conservation Assistance Program; Preserving Rural Character through Agriculture; Urban and Community Forestry; Community Youth Development; and Volunteer Training.
- To strengthen NH's Family and Youth: After-School Programs; Family Resource Management; 4-H Youth Development; Family Lifeskills Program; 4-H Camps; Nutrition and Food Safety Education; Parenting Education; Cradle Crier/Toddler Tale Newsletters; and Volunteer Leader Training Programs.
- To sustain NH's Natural Resources: Dairy Management; Agroecology; Forest Industry Assistance; Forest Resources Stewardship Program; Fruit Production and Management; GIS Training; Lakes Lay Monitoring Program; Integrated Pest Management; Ornamental Horticulture; Plant Health Diagnostic Laboratory; Vegetable Crop Production; Wildlife Habitat Program; Water Quality/Nutrient management Programs and Agricultural Business Management.

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Respectfully submitted,  
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**Administrator's Office - Town Hall - Route 3** **968-2145**

**Selectmen's Office - Town Hall - Route 3** **968-3537**

Monday to Friday - 8:30AM to 4:30PM

Open during lunch

**Fax** **968-9954**

e-mail: Holderness@adelphia.net

**Compliance/Health Officer - Fire Station - Route 3** **968-4491**

(Building Permits/Septic Permits)

Monday & Thursday - 8:00AM to 4:00PM

**Town Clerk/Tax Collector - Town Hall - Route 3** **968-7536**

Monday to Friday - 8:30AM to 4:30PM

Open during lunch

**Transfer Station - Tada Dump Road (off Route 3)** **279-6336**

Monday - Wednesday - Friday - Saturday

8:00AM to 4:00PM

Sunday - 1:00PM - 4:00PM

**PERMITS TO TRANSFER STATION AND BEACH AVAILABLE  
FROM TOWN CLERK**

**Recreation Department - Town Hall - Route 3** **968-3700**

e-mail - holdrec@adelphia.net

Hours varied per season

**Public Works Garage - Beede Road** **536-2932**

**Police Station - Route 3 - in the Village (non-emergency)** **968-9555**

Administrative Office Hours - Monday & Tuesday

8:00AM to 4:00PM

**Fire Station - Route 3 - in the Village (non-emergency)** **968-4491**

Volunteer Department

**POLICE EMERGENCY CALL 911 or 536-1626 (Police Dispatch)**

**FIRE/MEDICAL EMERGENCY CALL 911 or 524-1545 (Fire Dispatch)**

